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As the partial U.S. government shutdown enters its third week and barely days before the U.S. bumps against its projected debt ceiling, CNMI recipients of federally funded programs such as infant nutrition assistance and food stamps may have to start preparing for the inevitable in the event funds start to dry up.

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Poll: Half of older workers delay retirement

By MATT SEDENSKY
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CHICAGO (AP)—Stung by a recession that sapped investments and home values, but expressing widespread job satisfaction, older Americans appear to have accepted the reality of a retirement that comes later in life and no longer represents a complete exit from the workforce. Some 82 percent of working Americans over 50 say it is at least somewhat likely they will work for pay in retirement, according to a poll released Monday by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

The survey found 47 percent of working survey respondents now expect to retire later than they previously thought and, on average, plan to call it

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TOURISM REBIRTH
Passengers disembark from a just landed United Airlines aircraft from Guam at the Saipan International Airport tarmac yesterday. The CNMI is seeing a rebirth in its tourism industry, with total visitor arrivals reaching 400,000 passengers in August 2013, already exceeding arrival levels last seen in 2006 when Japan Airlines was still flying to the CNMI from Japan. A 12-member hotel group has also reported 94.01-percent occupancy for August 2013, an 11-percent increase from August 2012.
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State: CW visa holders may apply for, hold B1/B2 visas

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The U.S. State Department would only say that "CW visa holders may apply for and hold B1/B2 visas," without going into the reasons for the recent cancellations of valid U.S. tourist visas of at least two individuals who applied for and were granted CW visas by the U.S. Embassy in Manila.

"I wish there's a clearer policy statement as to why a valid B1/B2 visa could be cancelled. This is not reassuring enough. I still would like to have my B1/B2 visa reinstated. Hopefully something could still be done about my cancelled tourist visa," Elmer Pineda, 47, told *Saipan Tribune.*

Pineda's U.S. tourist visa was canceled on Aug. 15 on the day he applied for a CW visa. He needs a CW visa to be

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Local

‘CNMI does not perfectly fit mainland employment mold’

Richard Pierce is leaving his executive director post at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce but not without a few choice words for Chamber members and a broadside to politicians who he said continue to meddle with the business sector’s affairs, especially on immigration.

“Unless there is greater care in implementing the federal immigration system in the CNMI, and this is no different than the implementation of federal minimum wage rates in the CNMI in that it was/is a purely political decision, the business community will continue to be subject to the politics of it all. So we get political and have to respond,” he said in his message in the Chamber’s monthly newsletter.

Pierce said the CNMI government should persuade the Office of Insular Affairs to commission a new study about the labor requirements of the islands.

“With the vast resources at the hands of the federal government at the U.S. Labor Department and the [Government Accountability Office]. Our elected CNMI leaders should get the Interior Department to commission a study to determine the future CNMI employment needs, whether there is a local population base to support future growth in our economy, how much foreign labor we will need, and then adjust the implementation based upon those findings during the transition. If you believe that’s what the federal government is doing now, leave the room.”

Pierce

Commissioning a new local labor force study and implementing its recommendations would be a complete departure from what happened in the most recent GAO findings about the islands’ labor pool, specifically at it pertains to its minimum wage.

“I realize that Congress essentially ignored the findings of GAO and an Interior-funded economic impact study during the initial application of federal wage laws. That is why we have empty factory buildings, lost 25,000 jobs, and $80 million in revenue. It does not have to be that way with immigration implementation,” Pierce said.

This time he hopes politicians would stay clear of the report, which he said would lead to an inevitable conclusion—that mainland immigration reform is not a one-size, fits-all fix.

“I guarantee, if the politicians stay out of the way of those preparing the commissioned report, it will state the obvious. The CNMI does not perfectly fit the mainland employment mold, hence a new CNMI employment visa. To continue to accept the politically motivated and implemented federal immigration system will continue to hinder business and economic activity. The positive would be our politicians might learn what we already know: how an inadequate labor pool adversely affects business. And best of all, they could do what government does best: spend taxpayer dollars.”

Pierce said he is happy with the way government and the business sector seem to be working together in getting more of the local workforce hired.

“Lately, I have never seen a more concerted effort by government and the private sector to do not only what needs to be done to prepare a local workforce for the workplace, but also what any responsible business does for its shareholders— hiring those that are qualified and available at the best cost to businesses. I believe this needs to be said, at least in the interests of our Chamber membership. If someone still believes it is more affordable to hire qualified and available foreign national employees, let alone someone that has to travel to the CNMI, through the stranglehold of the USCIS, as opposed to any qualified and available U.S. local workers, then not only does there exist the implication employers are unlawful, and/or there’s a lack of enforcement of federal and local laws, that person does not understand simple economic realities, or has an ax to grind.”

He, however, reiterated his stand that the less political meddling, the better it is for businesses to thrive.

“I disdain politicians who believe I am wrong to make a profit by keeping my labor costs at a minimum, and worst of all, I disdain politicians who believe they can dictate what I am legally entitled to do. As long as I follow laws and pay my taxes, stay out of my way. In my opinion, our elected leaders need to spend less time trying to fit our business employment needs into their mold, and more time working with the federal government in creating a CNMI visa similar to the CW-1 within the current USCIS employment visa system that acknowledges the fact that the CNMI has a greater need for foreign national workers than California.

“In the mainland, these are the H-2 temporary visas, where the CNMI employers would have little access in acquiring. I have no idea what professors in economics are teaching our college students these days, but I know what they are not. My 35 years in the Commonwealth has been the best case study in economics vs. politics that any college could ever offer. It’s too bad our elected leaders haven’t been paying attention.” ***(Mark Rabago)***

BRIDGE CAPITAL DONATION
American Red Cross representatives Bob Coldeen, left, John Hirsh, second left, and Nola Hix, right, receive a $5,000 donation from Bridge Capital’s Allen Perez, Friday, Oct. 10. The donation will go toward the Club 200 on Saturday at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.
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No receipts, no problem for OWWA

Despite the humidity and long lines, some 200 Filipinos still came to the TSL Sports Complex to apply for membership in the Philippines’ Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, for a chance at giving their families some sort of security should something untoward happen to them while abroad.

Majority of those who applied yesterday were contract workers who managed to secure OWWA membership only after the Philippine Consulate General in Guam extended its outreach on Saipan.

It will be recalled that the OWWA outreach at the Daidai Social Hall ended prematurely last Wednesday after OWWA representative Julie Fabian accepted a request to also offer OWWA services on Tinian. So instead of four days, the OWWA outreach was cut short to three days.

In addition, of the 2,000 official receipts Fabian allocated for the CNMI-wide outreach, only less than 400 were left for Tinian.

After some 150 applied for OWWA membership on Tinian last Thursday, Fabian issued the remainder of OWWA membership certificates last Saturday and Sunday at the former REM Center.

For the benefit of dozens who lined up on Wednesday to get OWWA memberships, the consulate general set a final OWWA outreach yesterday, Oct. 14.

While Fabian ordered new receipts and membership certificates, only the latter were shipped in time for the 1pm to 5pm outreach. As a result, some 200 were issued OWWA membership certificates sans an official receipt.

Fabian, however, assured that as soon as she returns to Manila she will ship the official receipts to Saipan and the United Filipino Organization will disseminate them.

For her part, UFO president Annamae Adaza said the umbrella organization of Filipino groups on Saipan will set a pick-up date for OWWA members who were not issued receipts.

In all, Fabian said the OWWA outreach on Saipan was very successful. While they underestimated the number of Filipinos who needed coverage, she still did her best to accommodate them, attested by the extension of the service on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

She said is it now up to the Philippine Consulate General in Guam to recommend to the OWWA main office in Manila if there is a need for another OWWA outreach to Saipan when the consular team holds its quarterly mobile outreach in December 2013.

OWWA is a Philippine government agency that handles the welfare and wellbeing of Filipino workers abroad. OWWA members are entitled to benefits for medical/healthcare, disability and death insurance, education and training, worker assistance and on-site services, and social and family welfare assistance. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Buckingham trial set; retains new counsel

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Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo has issued a scheduling order for the trial of former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham.

This developed as Buckingham hired attorney Richard W. Pierce as his new counsel following the disqualification of his original counsel, attorney Brien Sers Nicholas.

Govendo said the trial will begin on Feb. 3, 2014, and that a pre-trial conference will be held on Jan. 21, 2014.

Both parties were directed to complete the exchange of discovery materials no later than Dec. 31, 2013, and are given until Jan. 7, 2014 to file pre-trial motions.

At a status conference on Oct. 4, Pierce and Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George Hasselback agreed to talk about using Skype during trial. If the parties fail to agree on the use of Skype or other teleconferencing technology, Govendo said either party may file a motion to resolve the issue.

Last month, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman denied Buckingham’s motion for the judge to reconsider his Aug. 16, 2013, ruling to disqualify Nicholas as Buckingham’s counsel.

Wiseman said he finds, again, that he did not err in determining that the Model Rules of Professional Conduct 1.7 and 1.9(a) prohibits Nicholas from further representation of Buckingham.

He also determined that there was no clear error based on Govendo’s recent ruling, holding as invalid the original summons issued against Buckingham.

In the disqualification order issued on Aug. 16, 2013 and made effective Aug. 19, 2013, Wiseman determined that there is a significant risk that Nicholas’ representation of Buckingham would be limited by his representation of his former clients, the officers involved in the case.

The Office of Public Auditor filed criminal charges against Buckingham in connection with an alleged violation of election laws and illegal awards of a sole-source contract, among others.

Japan Airlines launches pilot training program in Guam

GUAM (Pacific News Center)—Japan Airlines launched their full pilot training program in the Guam International Airport Monday morning.

The first batch of Japanese cadet pilots and captains established the opening of the full flight crew training center in Guam. As part of their training, the cadets practiced the "touch and go" procedure, where they would take off and land the airplanes multiple times.

Japan Airline vice president Yoshihiko Kamayama explains that this was a big project for the airline and is grateful for the opportunity. "It is a strategic move for JAL to base our flight crew training operations on Guam. With today's competitive airline environment, we are able to conduct quality training on fully certified runways and facilities, in conformance [with] FAA and ICAO standards, at low cost," Kamayama said.

Compared to the high cost of training and airports with heavy traffic in Japan, Guam is a more ideal place for the trainings.

Both Guam and JAL benefit from the operation.

Guam International Airport Authority executive manager Chuck Ada said, "We would like to extend our gratitude to JAL. We're extremely honored to strengthen our partnership with this program and we're hopeful that it increases and extends to the other airlines. We wish JAL success and we're here to support in every step of the way."

Ada said that besides the airport, fuel handler and ground handling operations, housing and hotel accommodations, restaurants, and other service providers the flight crew and instructors will utilize will also gain revenue.

Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio also recognized JAL for their contribution to Guam by presenting the Governor's Award to Capt. Yada Masahiko, Capt. Nishikawa Ryu, Capt. Toshimitu Kazuto, Cadet Pilot Manabe Yoichi and Cadet Pilot Yamazaki Shuichi.

"On behalf of Gov. Eddie Calvo and all the people of Guam, we want to thank you for choosing Guam to be your training institution for many months and years ahead. We hope this will enrich their [the cadets and captains of JAL] experience and also provide the airport with additional revenues and tourism from Japan and other destinations," Tenorio said.

The JAL cadet pilots will be having 10-day training every month for the next three to give years in order to get their pilot certification. They are also being trained to operate two of JAL's fleet models: B737-800 and B767-300.

Internet gambling on Rota eyed

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Rota Legislative Delegation chair Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) introduced a revenue-generating bill authorizing Internet gambling on Rota with a nonrefundable $1 million application fee, a $1 million license fee for the initial 10-year term license, and a 25-percent gaming tax.

Casino gambling has long been allowed on Rota and Tinian, but not on Saipan.

Santos' House Bill 18-135 seeks to use the proceeds from Internet gambling application fee and gaming tax for restoration of full retirement benefits, salary adjustment pursuant to Public Law 7-31, medical referrals, and scholarship programs on Rota.

The lawmaker said that a "well-regulated Internet gambling industry is of paramount importance to ensure greater consumer protection and control."

The Rota Gaming Casino Commission has regulatory oversight over Internet gambling on Rota, and so are taxes, fees, fines, penalties, and other revenue collected from it under the bill. The commission also has the authority to grant licenses to Internet gambling operators.

Any license approved is for an initial term of 10 years, and could be renewed once every five years thereafter.

Under the bill, proceeds from the application fee and gaming tax will be used for the following: 50 percent for full retirement benefits' restoration; 25 percent for salary adjustments pursuant to PL 7-31; 15 percent for CNMI medical referral/interisland medical referral; and 10 percent for the Rota Municipal Scholarship Program.

CHCC to host open forums

The Commonwealth Health Care Corp. is inviting the public to a series of community meetings.

These community meetings will kick off with the Rota forum at the Dialysis Room of the Rota Health Center on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013, from 7pm to 8:30pm. Next up is the Tinian forum at the Tinian Junior/Senior High School cafeteria on Oct. 21, 2013, from 6pm to 7pm. The Saipan forum will be held at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center on Oct. 24, 2013, from 5:30pm to 7pm.

For more information, on Saipan call Jesse Tudela at 234-8950 Ext. 3101; on Rota, call Rota Health Center resident director Sydie Taisacan at 532-9461; and on Tinian, call Tinian Health Center resident director William "Bill" Cing at 433-9263. ***(CHCC)***

Roman S. Palacios, 67

Former Commonwealth Ports Authority board chair Roman S. Palacios passed away last Thursday at the Commonwealth Health Center. He was 67 years old.

Palacios

Known for his generosity and quick wit, Palacios died of pancreatic cancer, according to his younger sister, Darlene P. Macaranas.

Macaranas said her brother was the eldest of eight children of the late Jesus Muña Palacios and Anunciasion Sablan Palacios.

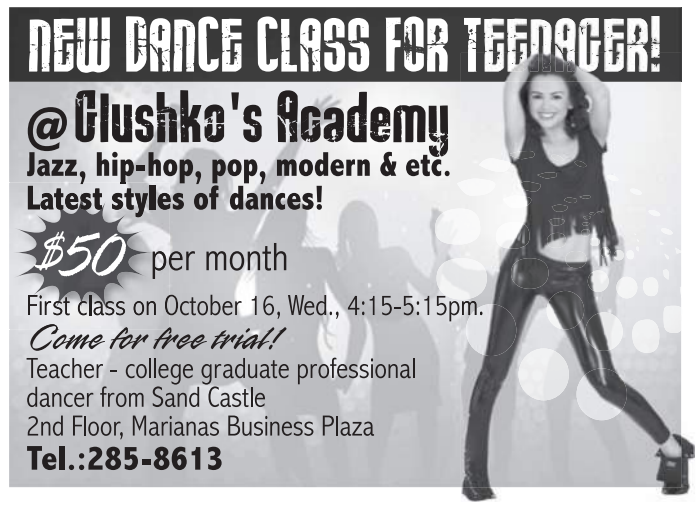
She said her brother's passing would be a big loss not only to the Palacios family but also to the Tenorio family. Roman Palacios was married to Patricia Tenorio, whose family owns Joeten Enterprises, Inc.

Macaranas said if there's any consolation, she was able to visit her brother everyday until his untimely passing last Oct. 10.

She said her brother grew up in Chalan Kanoa and went to school on Saipan before going to high school in Guam. He finished college at the University of Guam and went to work for Saipan Stevedore Co.

CPA executive director Maryanna Lizama, meanwhile, said the government agency is saddened by the passing of Palacios. CPA issued the following statement:

"Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel on the untimely passing of one of our former chairmen of the board of directors, Mr. Roman Palacios. He has in more ways than one contributed to the air and sea improvement and for that we are indebted to him. Our heartfelt condolences to his family as they go to through this difficult time." ***(Mark Rabago)***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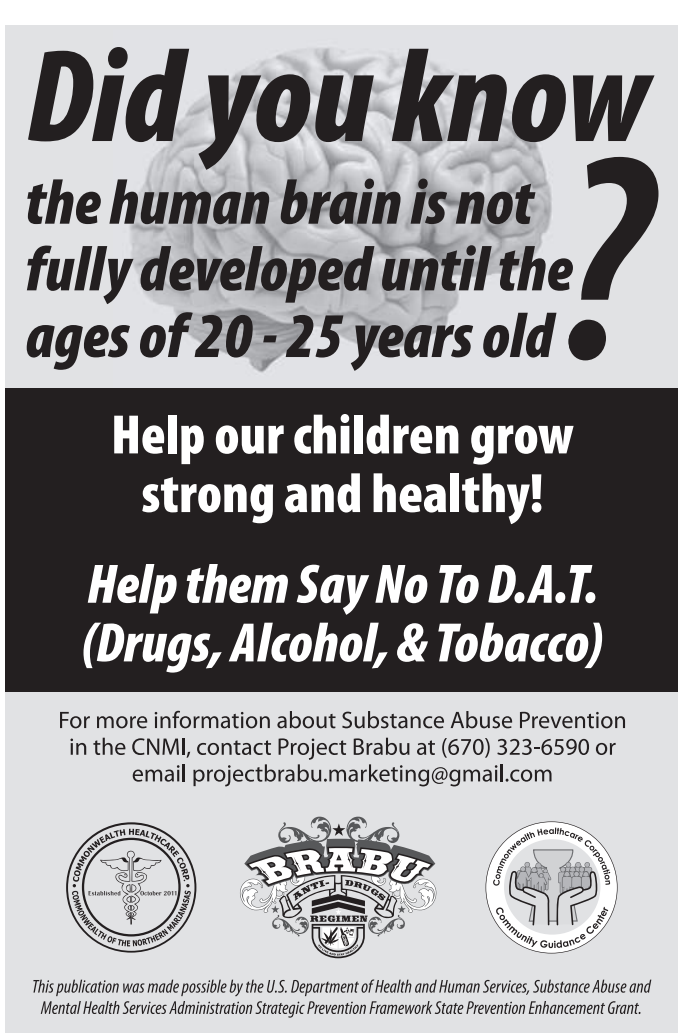
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Kagman High School schedule

■ Tuesday, Oct. 15: State Professional Development—no classes

■ Wednesday, Oct. 16: State Professional Development—no classes

■ Thursday, Oct. 17: Kagman Schools Joint Progress Report—Half-day session. Elementary students will be released at 12pm. Junior high and high school students will be released at 12:30pm. Progress report pick up will be at the Kagman Elementary from 4pm to 6pm.

If you miss it on Thursday, Kagman High representatives will be present at the GTC and Tanapag elementary campuses on Friday, Oct. 18, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm for any parents in the north side to pick up Kagman High student progress reports.

■ Friday, Oct. 18: Full day (regular class session)

For more information, call KHS main office at 237-3840 or e-mail khsayuyu@kagmanhigh.org. ***(PR)***

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

American Red Cross youth volunteers take a break, Monday, Oct. 14, in the NMI Chapter training room after helping prepare for this year's Club 200 event. Red Cross youth clubs enable high school students to serve their communities while also providing leadership opportunities.

KagES announcements

The Kagman Schools Joint 1st Quarter mid-progress night will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 4pm to 6pm at the Kagman Elementary School Campus. It will be half-day for all KagES students (Grades K-5th); they will be released at 12pm.

Also, there will be no classes on Oct. 15 because of the Northeast Cluster Professional Development.

Contact 664-3913 or 237-3965 or email ruth.calvo@cnmipss.org for more information. ***(PR)***

SAES PTSA meeting set

San Antonio Elementary School will have its PTSA meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 22, starting at 6pm in the school cafeteria. ***(PR)***

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Oct. 16 from 10am to 3:30pm. The public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated above. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. ***(PR)***

CLI Open House set

The public is invited to an Open House for the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI on Oct. 31, 2013, from 10am to 2pm, at Bldg No. 1366 on Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill. The Center is dedicated to assisting people with disabilities to live independently. For more information, call Lydia D. Igitol, executive director, or Matilde Selepeo, office assistant at 322-4303/4304; fax: 322-2077; or email clicnmi2005@yahoo.com. ***(PR)***

Soroptimist Club NMI sets charter fete on Oct. 27

Soroptimist International of Northern Mariana Islands will hold its charter celebration on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, at the Kanoa Resort Saipan from 11am to 2pm. Tickets are being sold for $35 per person.

The group will charter with 18 members who represent professions that include banking, retail, airlines, government sector, etc. Jill Arenovski from Seafix, Inc. will be installed as the club's first president.

For more information about Soroptimist International Northern Mariana Islands, contact Arenovski at (670) 287-9395 or sinorthernmarianaislands@soroptimist.net. ***(PR)***

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able to re-enter the CNMI as a foreign worker.

As far as Pineda is concerned, anyone like him can have both a B1/B2 or U.S. tourist and a CW visa, similar to many others whose tourist visas were not cancelled when they applied for and were given CW visas.

His B1/B2 visa's expiration date was in 2017.

When asked about these recent cancellations of valid B1/B2 visas, a U.S. State Department official only told *Saipan Tribune*: "CW visa holders may apply for and hold B1/B2 visas. We cannot comment on specific cases as visa records are confidential under U.S. law. Applicants are advised to check our website for more information and refer to questions to the embassy or consulate processing their cases."

Pineda has since returned to the CNMI but another one is still waiting for her CW visa after her B1/B2 visa was cancelled at the U.S. Embassy in Manila.

Moreover, one of Pineda's acquaintances who also applied for a CW visa on the same day didn't have his B1/B2 cancelled.

"It's still confusing and disappointing. Why would someone with a valid B1/B2 risk losing that visa when they know it could be cancelled?" Pineda asked.

Other B1/B2 visa holders in the CNMI are now having second thoughts about going home and applying for a CW visa to re-enter the CNMI, afraid that their U.S. tourist visas will be cancelled.

"Because there is no guarantee that my B1/B2 visa will not be cancelled, I will forego my vacation in the Philippines. It seems the consuls at the Embassy have different understanding about the CW and B1/B2 visas," a CW permit holder planning a vacation in Manila said.

Pineda and others in the same situation, however, may bring their specific issue to the attention of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) office, which might be able to help them.

Information about the CW visa application is available at the U.S. Embassy's website at http://manila.usembassy.gov/cnmi-visas.html.

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"Federal employees in the Northern Marianas and around the country were furloughed without pay. Head Start, the Women, Infants and Children [WIC] program, and other federal funds we rely on are running low," Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said.

Sablan joined most members of the U.S. House Democratic Caucus in meeting with President Barack Obama on Wednesday as part of efforts to "help bring this crisis to a close."

Congress and the Obama administration continue to work toward reaching a deal to end the partial U.S. government shutdown and raise the debt ceiling.

As of yesterday, there's no telling whether "prioritization" would be necessary any time soon as far as food stamps or Nutrition Assistance Program benefits in the CNMI are concerned.

As for the WIC program, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. interim chief executive officer Esther Muña reiterated that "as of this date, funds allocated to the WIC program should cover food expenditures through the end of October."

Muña said the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food & Nutrition Services "continues to check in on our program operations."

"We also anticipate more guidance from FNS in the coming weeks pending passage of a budget," Muña told *Saipan Tribune*.

CHC has considered "prioritizing" WIC benefits if the shutdown lasts beyond October, although things could still change.

The WIC program is a federally funded supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children up to 5 years old.

Nationally, analysts say the Obama administration will have to decide whether to delay—or possibly suspend—tens of billions of dollars in Social Security checks, food stamps and unemployment benefits "if negotiations to raise the federal debt ceiling are not resolved this week."

Sablan also joined 199 other Democrats in a letter to U.S. House Speaker John Boehner last week, urging a vote on funding the entire federal government and ending the shutdown.

"Republicans have insisted on defunding the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, in return for keeping the government open. Although not all aspects of the Act apply in the Northern Mariana Islands, we are receiving $109 million in extra Medicaid money, which is helping keep the Commonwealth Health Center in operation, and the Kagman Community Health Center was paid for by Obamacare," Sablan said.

The CNMI's elderly or *man'amko* on Medicare are now eligible for free preventive care and some have seen prescription drug reimbursements improve, the delegate added.

He said CNMI families with health insurance benefited from rebates averaging $187 last year, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, because of the Affordable Care Act.

"I do not support repealing the law, although I am certainly open to improving Obamacare and making health insurance more affordable in the Northern Mariana Islands," Sablan added.

While prioritization, cuts, or suspension of federally funded programs in the CNMI have yet to occur, the U.S. government shutdown has already reached the Commonwealth as early as Oct. 1.

These include the temporary closure of the American Memorial Park grounds and facilities in Garapan and the temporary closure of the U.S. immigration court.

Sablan had said there are federal employees in the CNMI who, along with 800,000 others nationwide, "are being furloughed—laid off until the shutdown ends."

Gov. Eloy S. Inos has also cautioned CNMI employees to remain vigilant in the event the federal government shutdown is prolonged, even as he assured that CNMI federal grant programs remain in operation.

Unlike federal government employees throughout the nation, CNMI government employees who are considered "federally-funded" draw their salaries from federal grants awarded to the Commonwealth.

POLL

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quits at about 66, or nearly three years later than their estimate when they were 40. Men, racial minorities, parents of minor children, those earning less than $50,000 a year and those without health insurance were more likely to put off their plans.

"Many people had experienced a big downward movement in their 401(k) plans, so they're trying to make up for that period of time when they lost money," said Olivia Mitchell, a retirement expert who teaches at the University of Pennsylvania.

About three-quarters of working respondents said they have given their retirement years some or a great deal of thought. When considering factors that are very or extremely important in their retirement decisions, 78 percent cited financial needs, 75 percent said health, 68 percent their ability to do their job and 67 percent said their need for employer benefits such as health insurance.

Graphic designer Tom Sadowski, 65, of Sterling, Va., had expected to retire this year, but the recession caused his business to fail and his savings to take a hit. With four teenage daughters, he knew he had to put retirement off.

"At this age, my dad had already been retired 10 years and moved to Florida," he said. "Times are different now for most people."

Sadowski now plans to retire in about five years, but even then, he expects to do some work for pay. He notes that some of his friends without children have begun to retire, but he tries not to dwell on his shifted plans.

"For a moment, maybe, I have a twinge of, `I wish that were me,'" he said. "But you can't live that way."

The shift in retirement expectations coincides with a growing trend of later-life work. Labor force participation of seniors fell for a half-century after the advent of Social Security, but began picking up in the late 1990s. Older adults are now the fastest-growing segment of the American workforce; people 55 and up are forecast to make up one-fourth of the civilian labor force in 2020.

That growth has paralleled a rising interest in retirements that are far more active than the old stereotype of moving to Florida, never to work again. Among those who retired, 4 percent are looking for a job and 11 percent are already working again. Those still on the job showed far greater interest in continuing to work: Some 47 percent of employed survey respondents said they are very or extremely likely to do some work for pay in retirement, and 35 percent said they are somewhat likely.

"The definition of retirement has changed," said Brad Glickman, a certified financial planner with a large number of baby-boomer clients in Chevy Chase, Md. "Now the question we ask our clients is, `What's your job after retirement?'"

One such retiree who returned to the workforce is Clara Marion, 69, of Covington, La., a teacher who retired in 2000 and went back to work a year later. She retired again in 2007 but soon returned to part-time work because she needed the money.

When she first retired, she had about $100,000 in savings, but she has used much of that up. Her pension isn't enough to pay her bills, and she isn't eligible for Social Security. So she's back in a second-grade classroom, four days a week.

"I'd love to be sleeping in," she said, "but I will probably never retire."

Man, 35, allegedly raped girl in 2003

Police arrested last week a 35-year-old man who allegedly sexually abused a girl twice 10 years ago in Kagman.

Peter Cabrera Camacho was arrested Thursday on Navy Hill and taken to Superior Court the following day on charges of sexual assault in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, two counts of assault and battery, and two counts of disturbing the peace. His bail was set at $20,000 cash.

Police detective Isapen Bokuku stated in her report that Sgt. Elden Dela Cruz first met the mother of the alleged victim on Feb. 26, 2013, at the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division in Susupe. The mother told the officer that Camacho sexually abused her daughter in 2003.

Bokuku said that during her interview on July 12, 2013, the alleged victim disclosed that she was at her aunt's house in Kagman for Thanksgiving when Camacho lured her to his house, about four houses away.

At his house, Camacho allegedly molested the girl in the bedroom. The girl said she cried and begged Camacho to stop. He only stopped when she started screaming and kicking him. Camacho allegedly told the alleged victim not to tell anyone about what happened.

The second incident allegedly occurred during a family gathering at the victim's house in December 2003.

The alleged victim said she was about to sleep in her father's bedroom when Camacho, who was drunk, raped her. She said she was crying and yelling for her father, but no one heard because the music was loud and all family members were drunk.

While Camacho was allegedly raping her, someone knocked on the door. Camacho put on his clothes and told her to do the same. Camacho opened the door and the girl's father looked at them, went to the bed and slept. The girl said her father saw her crying, but didn't ask her what happened.

She said she didn't tell anyone because Camacho threatened to hurt her if she talks.

When her sister arrived from the U.S. mainland in May 2004, she told her about the incidents. The sister told their mother about it the next day.

The report did not mention why police started the investigation only in February this year. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Judge denies motion to vacate order that dismissed suit vs federalization

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has denied a motion to modify or vacate the court's order that dismissed the amended lawsuit filed by some alien workers and U.S. permanent residents against Department of Homeland Secretary Janet Napolitano and other federal officials for the implementation and enforcement of U.S. immigration laws in the CNMI.

In an order last week, Manglona said the plaintiffs have failed so much as to indicate which of the six grounds set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b) their motion stands.

Manglona said that although the plaintiffs refer in passing to their attempted voluntary dismissal of the lawsuit and defendants' notice concerning dismissal, they leave it entirely to the court to construct an argument for relief based on those documents.

"To say that documents outside the motion may contain grounds for a Rule 60 motion is not adequate to articulate those grounds even minimally," the judge noted.

According to court records, Manglona dismissed the original lawsuit in May 2012 after the plaintiffs' counsel, Stephen C. Woodruff, moved to dismiss the case. Manglona allowed the plaintiffs to amend their complaint.

In October 2012, Woodruff filed the amended complaint, this time containing 34 plaintiffs instead of just the seven in the original case. More defendants were also added.

Woodruff asked the court to declare, among other things, that aliens present in the CNMI immediately before and after 12am on Nov. 28, 2009, are to be deemed to have made a lawful entry to the U.S.

Manglona dismissed the amended complaint on Nov. 16, 2012.

On Dec. 12, 2012, Woodruff filed a motion asking the court to modify or vacate its Nov. 16 order dismissing the amended complaint.

In her order last week, Manglona said the Rule 60 motion (dismissal) was not accompanied by affidavits or a memorandum of law.

Manglona said supporting papers are appropriate to a Rule 60 motion in order to advise the court and opposing parties of the particular grounds on which relief is sought.

Manglona said defendants, in their opposition, correctly complained of these omissions and asked the court to order the plaintiffs to submit a memorandum of points and authorities so that defendants could respond meaningfully.

Manglona said plaintiffs did not file a reply.

The motion was noticed for a hearing on "Jan. 17, 2012 [sic] at 9am…or at such other time or date as the court may determine."

Manglona said a review of the docket sheet shows that the motion was not heard on Jan. 17, 2013 hearing and has never been heard or calendared for a hearing.

Under federal rules, Manglona said, a motion must "state with particularity the grounds for seeking the order."

Citing precedent, the judge said "where the movant fails to provide any argument or evidence supporting a motion, the district court may disregard the motion."

BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission will conduct a business meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at the CNMI State Board of Education Conference Room, Susupe, Saipan, to consider the following agenda of administrative matters. Public attendance is welcome. Documents relevant to the agenda will be available at the meeting for public inspection. Questions regarding the agenda should be referred to Chair Joseph C. Guerrero at 670-233-4582 (phone) or cpuc.nmi@gmail.com (email).

AGENDA

1. Call to order – confirmation of quorum
2. Approval of minutes of the August 1, 2012 and September 12, 2012 meetings
3. Personnel matters:
   a. Hearing examiner excepted service employment contract
   b. Change order – Georgetown Consulting contract
4. FY14 Administrative Budget
5. FY14 Administrative Assessment
6. Check signing authority
7. Commission website
8. Public comments
9. Other business
10. Adjournment

/s/ Joseph C. Guerrero, CPUC Chairperson

Flores: Ex-Union Bank staff admits someone redeemed his $200K TCD

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores has learned for the first time that an employee of the former Union Bank Saipan branch had authorized the release of his money from his missing $200,000 time certificate of deposit to a person representing to be him.

In a declaration filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI last week, Flores said he learned from a deposition of former Union Bank employee Victoria Concepcion that a person representing to be him called the bank on the phone and told Concepcion that he was redeeming his TCD.

Flores said that Concepcion authorized the release of the money.

Flores said that, according to Concepcion, the money was either sent to him by wire transfer or deposited in his account in Union Bank.

The mayor said that Concepcion does not remember when this happened.

Flores is suing Union Bank of California and FHB for allegedly refusing to return the principal and interest earned on a $200,000 TCD that he purchased from the then Union Bank Saipan branch in 1993.

The mayor said that based on Concepcion's deposition, he discovered for the first time that Union Bank had a policy of burning records of deposits seven years after an account is closed.

Flores said that with the exception of his TCD, he and his wife never had an account with Union Bank.

"Neither I nor my wife ever received any wire transfer from Union Bank," he added.

The mayor said he never called Concepcion or any Union Bank employee on the phone to redeem his TCD.

Flores said that since he was issued the TCD by then Union Bank employee Lourdes Salas Deleon Guerrero, he had been under the impression that he was the only person—as the registered owner of the TCD—who can withdraw the deposited funds by presenting and surrendering the original TCD to the bank that issued it.

"While the TCD did not provide an automatic renewal, I was assured by Ms. Deleon Guerrero that it would be renewed upon successive maturity periods," he said.

Flores said that ever since he was issued the TCD, he has not received any notice that Union Bank will renew or not renew his TCD, nor did he receive any notice that Union Bank would consider his TCD abandoned or that Union Bank would turn over the TCD to the CNMI government.

He said he never received a notice that the CNMI government is holding his TCD as abandoned property.

Flores said that Deleon Guerrero was the officer in charge at that time for transactions in TCD accounts at the Union Bank Oleai branch on Sept. 10, 1993.

He said he walked into the Union Bank with the intention of cashing a $280,000 check that he had received from a land transaction.

Flores said he instructed Deleon Guerrero to take out $80,000 in cash and the balance of $200,000 to issue a TCD in the same amount in his name.

He told Deleon Guerrero that he was leaving Saipan the following day for an indefinite time due to the sudden illness of his wife.

He said Deleon Guerrero assured him that keeping his money in a TCD was safe and no one but himself could cancel or redeem the TCD, for as long as he was in possession of the original copy of the TCD.

Flores said he was with his wife until her treatment was completed in 1998, except for occasional short trips back to the CNMI.

Flores said on Feb. 10, 1998, he went back to Union Bank and talked to Deleon Guerrero about the TCD. Since he did not have a copy of the original TCD, Deleon Guerrero asked for his Social Security number and then left her desk to search the record. When she returned after 10 minutes, Deleon Guerrero told him that there is no record.

Flores said he continued to search from Feb. 10, 1998, up to sometime in March 2008 when his wife discovered the original TCD.

Flores said he and his wife immediately contacted First Hawaiian Bank and made an appointment with Concepcion that same day. At the time, Union Bank had already been purchased by FHB.

During the period when Flores purchased the TCD and until May 31, 2001, Concepcion was employed in the Union Bank Saipan branch. In March 2008, Concepcion became an employee of FHB.

Flores said they showed Concepcion the original TCD, but to their surprise Concepcion told them that no record was showing in the computer.

After a week, Concepcion told Flores that there was no record of the TCD in the boxes in their storage room.

Flores said that FHB has denied that his TCD was transferred by Union Bank to FHB.

Flores said that in Concepcion's April 11, 2013, deposition, he found out that Concepcion testified that it was FHB's policy that records are destroyed seven years after they are closed.

High surf warning, small craft advisories out

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management warned yesterday that a long period swell generated by Typhoon Wipha northwest of the Marianas will produce dangerous surf along west facing shores. The high surf warning remains in effect along west facing reefs until 6am today, Tuesday.

A high surf advisory remains in effect from 6am Tuesday to 6am Thursday along west and north facing reefs.

Dangerous surf of 12 to 15 feet is expected along west facing reefs...and hazardous surf of 10 to 12 feet is expected along west facing reefs. Coastal inundation of about a foot is likely, especially around high tide. Surf will diminish but still remain hazardous at 10 to 13 feet Tuesday along west facing reefs and 8 to 10 feet along north facing reefs. The hazardous surf conditions will linger through at least Wednesday night.

A small craft advisory remains in effect until 6am Tuesday. Seas 10 feet or greater are expected to produce conditions hazardous to operators of small craft. Seas will subside to around 9 feet on Tuesday.

The public is advised to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along north and west facing reefs as rip currents will be life threatening. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, exercise caution, especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets. ***(PR)***

NOTICE

TO: MATTEW A. AND RITA M. OOKA:

You are in default in your Note dated October 3, 1995, secured by a Mortgage of the same date, executed and delivered by you to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation. The Note and the Mortgage have been assigned to Guam Savings & Loan Association, now known as BankPacific, Ltd.

(a) Description of the real property covered by Mortgage:

Lot No 330 R 12, situated in Sinapalo II, Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 871 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat no. 330 R 02, dated March 13, 1992, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 92-858, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

(b)	Date and amount of Note and Mortgage:	October 3, 1995; $79,181.03
(c)	Amount due for principal:	$913.38 as of October 1, 2012
(d)	Amount due for interest:	$1,863.56 as of October 1, 2012
(e)	Daily accruing interest:	$14.83
(f)	Late charges	$100.38 as of October 1, 2012

If the principal, interest, and late charges $2,877.32, plus accruing interest, together with reasonable attorney's fees, are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this notice upon you, you will be in default, and Court proceedings will be commenced against you to foreclose upon the said Mortgage because of the default.

Unless you, within thirty (30) days after publication of this Notice, dispute the validity of the claim, or any portion thereof, we will assume that it is valid. If you notify us in writing within this thirty (30) day period that the claim, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain information on the debt and mail you a copy thereof. Upon your written request within this thirty (30)-day period, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different form the creditor indicated above.

This Notice is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Señot yan Señora Ooka:

Ti un komple i kontratan debimu (Note) ni un fitma gi October 3, 1995, ni afabobot i Mortage ma asegurao i tano yan guma ni un empeña gi mismo dia, un fitma yan un entrega i empeña (Mortgage) guato gi Northern Marianas Housing Corporation. I Note yan i Mortgage ma entrega guato gi Guam Savings & Loan Association ni esta pago ma fanan BankPacific, Ltd.

(a) I deskripsion tano ni ma empeneň (mortgaged):

Sito Numera 330 R 12, ni gaigi Sinapalo II, Rota, Islas Marianas, san kattan, ni ha konsiste un aria 871 quadrao metro, mas pat menus, mas patikulamenti discribi gi Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 330 R 02, gi Matso 13, 1992, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 92-858, guihi i discripsion ni ma incorporate guini ginen i infotmatson.

(b)	I kantida yan i fechan este na debi yan empepeña:	October 3, 1995; $79,181.03
(c)	Kantida un debi para principat:	$913.38 asta ki Octobre dia 1, 2012
(d)	Kantida un debi para interes:	$1,863.56 asta ki Octobre dia 1, 2012
(e)	Interes kada dia:	$14.83
(f)	Kantida pot atrasao	$100.38 asta ki Octobre dia 1, 2012

Yangin ti un apasi i kantida na principat, interes, yan apas pot atrasao (late charges) $2,877.32, asta ki Octobre dia 1, 2012, yan i resanable na apas abugado gi halom trenta (30) dias despues di I fecha ni un resibe este na notisia, un ma konsidera komo ti unkomple i kontratamu (default), ya siempre u-matutuhun kontra hago a kausan kotti ni para uma kondena ya uma dendi i propriadat tano'mu ni un empepeña guato gi Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

Solo yangin halom trenta (30) dias dispues de un resibe este na notisia yan un kontra minagahet-ña pot i apudera sino komo i pattida, siempre bai in hongge an asientadu a apudera. Pago yangin un kattayi ham gi halom este i trenta (30) dias siklo man infofotma hao pot i apudera sino komo i pattida para un kontra, pues bai in henta infotmasion pot i dibi-mu dispues un ma kattayi i kopia pot este na de'unta. Anai in resibe i katta-mu gi halom trenta (30) dias siklo, bai in nai"I hao i na'an yan address i akredot komo ti parehu na akredot ma indika guini hulu.

Este na Notisia para u ma na'kesiña ma rikohi i dibi-mu. Maseha hafa na infotmasion ni in resibe pot este na apudera-sina bai in usa para bai in ke-chagi mu rekohi para este I dibi-mu.

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ.
Attorney at Law

Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB13-MOR-172
Submission/Opening Date: October 24, 2013 • Time: 10:30 a.m.

"CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUS SHELTERS ON ROTA, A PROJECT UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF ROTA"

Copies of the Scope of Work may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

Questions regarding this project may be addressed to Mr. Francisco M. Atalig, Receipient Grant Manager at tel. No. 670-532-9451/9452. All responses to questions shall be shared with all prospective bidders.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfections in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

/s/ Melchor A. Mendiola
Mayor of Rota

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, P&S

PUBLIC NOTICE

The properties described below "Tract 22507-26, also known as Tract 22507 New-1," containing an area of 2,034 m^2 as described on Cadastral Plat No. 2031/02 and Lot "Lot 010J17 (part of Lot 010J02)" consisting an area of 1,050 m^2 as shown on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010J02, is the subject of a lease between Vicente Manglona Sablan and Emalu Trading Ltd., represented by its sole incorporator who is listed as President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The lessor, Vicente M. Sablan is aware that the lessee, Emalu Trading Ltd., (the "Corporation") has been administratively dissolved and that its one and only incorporator is deceased. There are no known heirs and the property has been abandoned for nearly one year. The lessor has noticed that the above described properties are in the state of deterioration and must be attended to, to avoid further irreparable damage.

Therefore, the lessor gives notice that he intends to reenter the above described properties pursuant to the "Waste/ Nuisance" clause of the above referenced lease. Any person objecting to, or asserting claim of legal interest in the property should make contact with the lessor by October 30, 2013. The lessor can be contacted by calling (670) 287-8189 or by mail at PMB 313, P.O. Box 10001, Saipan MP 96950.

Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

2013-CDA-05-RFP
Submission Date: October 16, 2013 Time: 10:00 a.m.

"BROWNFIELDS MARKET FEASIBILITY STUDY"

Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor in Oleai, Saipan during regular business hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, P&S

Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB13-MOR-173
Submission/Opening Date: October 24, 2013 • Time: 11:00 a.m.

"PURCHASE OF AQUAPONIC CLAY PEBBLES, A PROJECT UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF ROTA"

Copies of the Scope of Work may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

Questions regarding this project may be addressed to Mr. Francisco M. Atalig, Receipient Grant Manager at tel. No. 670-532-9451/9452. All responses to questions shall be shared with all prospective bidders.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfections in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

/s/ Melchor A. Mendiola
Mayor of Rota

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, P&S

NMC Current Issues class cleans up NMI Museum

By THOMAS A. MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Despite the bad weather early Saturday morning, Northern Marianas College student volunteers went ahead and spruced up the NMI Museum in Garapan by getting rid of overgrown vegetation.

The group cleanup was from 8am to 4 pm.

"We talked about it and we agreed and, as you can see it is all overgrown, and we wanted to help," said NMC student coordinator Malyssa Castro.

The students mowed the lawn, raked, and removed invasive plants around the museum.

Castro said that they were able to get the equipment with the help of NMI Museum director Robert Hunter and some of the students.

The hours earned from the cleanup go toward the required eight hours of community service for their Current Issues of the CNMI class instructed by Michael Berglund.

Although the community service hours are required, NMC student Mayleen Aldan urged everyone in the community to do their part for the island and to take time from their day to make a small difference.

THOMAS MANGLONA II

NMC student volunteers pose for the *Saipan Tribune* early Saturday morning outside the NMI Museum with museum director Robert Hunter, fourth from left.

"If we all help and pitch in to beautify the CNMI I think we can show our tourists the beautiful aspects of the CNMI," she said.

According to Berglund, the students organized the project without any assistance from him and took the initiative to organize the cleanup.

"The goal of the class is to encourage the students to take an active and positive role in their community, the CNMI. The CNMI, as is similar with all states, has serious issues. Students are encouraged to learn about the issues and find ways they can get involved and begin to work on making improvements," Berglund explained. "The Current Issues class is a capstone course at the college. It is a way of letting the students know that they are close to completing their course of study [and] now it's time to take their education seriously and make a difference in the community."

Berglund said the class has 28 students.

Other students who participated in the cleanup include Francis Pangelinan, MaryAnne Borja, Joshua Sablan, Zoey C. King, Jin Zhen Zhu (Pearl), Jocelyn Camacho, Nicole Sablan, Mayleen Aldan, Frank Nawaz, Rona Dosa, Richard Mendiola, Delena, and Leila Nawaz.

New law requires safe distance when overtaking bicycles

In the presence of a big crowd of mainly bicycle riders, Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law Saturday morning a bill requiring a safe distance of at least 3 feet when overtaking a bicycle to help ensure CNMI road safety.

Bicycle riders converged at the Garapan Fishing Base before proceeding to the Sabalu Market at the Civic Center in Susupe to witness the law signing.

"I am thankful for the governor for recognizing the importance of this road safety measure. What I would also hope to see is for the MVA [Marianas Visitors Authority] and tour operators to do an outreach for tourists who are renting cars and bikes so they also know about this law," said House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), author of House Bill 18-19.

Demapan also hopes that bicycle riders "would stay within their lane."

He first introduced the bill in the 17th Legislature.

Under the new law, "when a vehicle is overtaking and passing a bicycle proceeding in the same direction, the person driving the motor vehicle shall exercise due care by leaving a safe distance between the motor vehicle and bicycle of not less than 3 feet until the motor vehicle is safely past the overtaken bicycle."

The use of bicycles in the CNMI is a popular form of recreation and has grown into an inexpensive, healthy, and environment-friendly mode of transportation.

In recent periods, the increased popularity of annual triathlons and other competitive events has also increased the number of cyclists on CNMI roads and highways. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM- OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP13-GOV-092

LANDFILL EQUIPMENT FOR TINIAN AND ROTA

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude Hofschneider are soliciting competitive sealed proposals according to the requirements of N.M.I.A.C. § 70-30.3-210 from qualified vendors to provide equipment for use at landfills on the Islands of Tinian and Rota. Proposals are to include costs associated with equipment, training, extended warranty, delivery, maintenance, as identified in specifications. Equipment proposed must be similar to landfill equipment identified in the scope of work and be of a type commonly used in landfill operations in the United States. The Commonwealth is relying on the expertise of vendors in the selection of most appropriate equipment for use in the proposed landfill operations. The specific pieces of equipment sought are the following:

1. Two tracked bulldozers for direct use in landfill operations;
2. Two wheeled loaders for movement of material at landfills; and
3. Two wheeled excavators for creation of landfill cover.

Although equipment is to be used primarily in landfill operations, they will also be used in assorted activities of municipal operations, thus the Commonwealth is seeking flexibility in the type of equipment and attachments proposed. Submitted proposals will be evaluated on a possible 100 points based on the following factors:

50 points – price;
50 points – experience of equipment in similar operations in United States locations and flexibility of equipment package in meeting needs of the islands of Tinian and Rota.

All proposers will be subject to a responsibility determination as identified in NMIAC § 70-30.3-245 ("Responsibility Determination") which will evaluate whether the vendor has experience and resources for the required financing, warranty, and maintenance services. Proposals from parties who fail to meet the requirements of the Responsibility Determination will not be considered. Award shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

Proposals should address each item identified in the evaluation structure and must follow the proposal structure as identified in the proposal packet. Proposal packets will be available on September 24, 2013 (ChST) at Office of Capital Improvement - Juan A. Sablan Administration Building - Capitol Hill, Saipan. Proposals must pay particular attention to the preferred identified equipment specification and use this as a guide in submission of proposals.

All questions regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 10, 2013 (ChST) to the Office of Capital Improvement via fax to (670) 664-2408. Prospective bidders bear responsibility for proper transmission and receipt of submitted questions. Response to questions shall be shared with all prospective proposers.

The selected vendor will be required to comply with all applicable Commonwealth and Federal laws. All proposals must be sealed and marked RFP13-GOV-092 Landfill Equipment for Tinian and Rota Proposal on the forms provided and include an original and four copies and must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 24, 2013 (ChST) to:

Herman S. Sablan, Director
Marianas Procurement & Supply - Lower Base
P.O. Box 510008 CK
aipan, MP 96950

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposers bear all risk concerning delivery. For further information, contact the Office of Capital Improvement (670) 664-2375. All proposals become the property of the Commonwealth.

Eloy S. Inos, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply

CTSI Logistics is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Storage and Distribution Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years of distribution and warehousing supervisory experience. Knowledge of household goods handling and airfreight and oceanfreight operations is required. Proficiency in Warehouse management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Shipping Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of shipping, receiving and warehousing supervisory experience is required. Proficiency in shipping operations, shipping documentation & cargo management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, 49 CFR & IMDG Code is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines. Knowledge of bill of ladings, scheduling and planning inbound and outbound shipments is a must.

Transportation Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of logistics and trucking operations supervisory experience is required. Must be knowledgeable in transportation and safety regulations and proficient in various logistic software. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, Emergency Response, IICL (Container and Chassis), Petroleum Standard Operating Procedure and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Freight Forwarding Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years experience in freight forwarding operations and 1-year experience in transportation security and communication related activities. Knowledge of TSA security regulations and proficiency in TSA Known Shipper Management System are a must. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation and IATA related trainings. Proficiency in airfreight documentation, freight forwarding software, FEDEX systems and operations are a must. Must be familiar with airline operations and regulations.

Sales Officer
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required as well as an extensive knowledge and experience in supply chain and freight brokerage. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Can work flexible hours. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Proficiency in freight forwarding, shipping and household goods operations are a must. Must be familiar with freight forwarding software.

Cargo and Freight Agent (5)
Associate's Degree with a minimum of 2 years experience in a logistics, freight brokerage or warehouse services business. Must know how to operate a forklift with certification. Must be able to do strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of small items on the job. Licensed to drive 4x6 wheel closed vans and must have obtained training or certification in handling hazardous materials, Occupational Safety, Hazardous Waste Operation and IAC CCSF authorized screener. Must be proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs and available to work on evenings and weekend hours.

Specialized Truck Driver (6)
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Must have at least 3 years experience in hauling petroleum products with the corresponding SMITHS & STOPS training certification, carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

Heavy Equipment Truck Driver (3)
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Experience in carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

Shipping and Receiving Clerk (6)
Associate's Degree and at least 2 years work related experience. Must be proficient in MS Office programs as well as other planning and logistics software. Knowledge of supply chain, shipping operations and procedures, document preparation and recordkeeping is required. Should possess good interpersonal and verbal communication skills.

Truck Mechanic
Vocational or High School Graduate. Must be able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, or maintain and repair any type of engines. Minimum of two (2) year work experience is required on these areas: lubrication, repairs and servicing, use of machine tools, welding and flame cutting, engine elements, gears, brakes, transmission, exhausts, etc. Proficiency in critical devices for fuel tank trucks is a must.

Automotive Body Repairer
Formal Auto Body Training in a Vocational School is required as well as a minimum of one-year experience in repairing and refinishing automotive vehicle bodies' vehicle frames. Proficiency in automotive body painting is required.

Janitor
Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

A pre-employment drug testing will be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should submit resume / application to CTSI Logistics, Lower Base not later than October 25, 2013.

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A standard L5 guest room.

New Chuuk hotel, apartments, offices set to open

CHUUK, FSM—L5, the newest hotel in the Federated States of Micronesia, is set to open January of 2014 in Weno, Chuuk. The five-story hotel, conveniently located across the street from the Chuuk International Airport, caters to business and government travelers who expect exceptional service and quality amenities.

"We've designed L5 with the experienced business and government traveler in mind. Every aspect of the hotel is geared for the busy executive who requires a welcoming, secure, and efficient home away from home," says Kembo Mida Jr., president of Khei Mida Inc., which owns the building and is the developer of the new hotel.

"Our guests can expect to enjoy the comforts and security of a hotel that understands and anticipates their needs. And we will always offer warm, island-style service during their stay at L5," adds Mida.

The building is the former RS Plaza Hotel, which has been gutted and completely renovated and painted. All public areas, rooms and bathrooms have contemporary paint schemes, ceramic tiles and quality fixtures. The building's electrical and plumbing systems have been redone. Pressure pumps have been installed to ensure that all rooms have strong, consistent water pressure. And L5 has the only elevator in the FSM, which serves all five floors. The elevator has been inspected, renovated, and remodeled, and is maintained by the Otis Elevator Co. of Guam.

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The living room of an L5 apartment.

L5 has 12 hotel rooms located on the third and fourth floors, consisting of studios and suites. The hotel offers a number of amenities, many of which are unique for hotels in the FSM. They include 32-inch LED flat screen televisions in every room and suite, along with cable television service; free wireless Internet connectivity; a complimentary Continental breakfast for guests; a catered room service meal option; an exercise facility; coin-operated laundry centers for guest use; coffee makers in every room; pillow-top mattresses; and, an Inada full-body massage chair that is available for in-room use.

L5 will also feature throughout the hotel, including in all guest rooms, more than 30 commissioned photographs of Chuuk taken by veteran Pacific journalist Floyd K. Takeuchi.

In addition, the hotel has ample off-street parking and provides 24-hour security, including a surveillance camera system. A porte cochere has been added to allow guests to be dropped off at the hotel entrance while protected from the elements. Valet parking is available.

The building offers four fully furnished one-bedroom apartments that are equipped with kitchens for short- and long-term rental. They will be ready for occupancy on Nov. 1 2013. Additionally, upgraded commercial retail and office space on the ground floor and second floors will be available December 2012.

Hotel guests, and those who lease offices and apartments, will also have access to L5's conference center on the second floor.

No Ka Oi, a Guam-based pest and termite control company, has treated the building and grounds, and will regularly service the complex.

For more information on L5, including room rates and reservations, visit www.L5hotel.fm, or call hotel general manager Vicky Irons at (691) 330-3774. ***(PR)***

Show-off at the Dance-off

The 25th Anniversary of the Club 200 "Salute to Service" promises to be extra memorable for partygoers.

The "Show-off at the Dance-off" has been called the 2013 Saipan Dancing Championship by event coordinators Mili Saiki and Bob Coldeen, while the costume contest has been labeled the "Showdown at the Low-Down".

The costume and dance contests are only part of the fun-fest coming up at the Fiesta Resort & Spa on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 6pm to 10pm, sponsored by the American Red Cross. They punctuate the party, providing a platform for pleasing performances, both for personal pride and prize.

Coldeen, rumored to be attending dressed like a sports reporter, was mum about pre-contest dance favorites, saying he preferred to talk about the prestige of winning, "It's for a cause, baby. As a former dance champion myself, I know the feeling. Oh, what a feeling. Someone should make a song about that."

Dance judge Saiki was unavailable for comment. She reportedly has been studying dance videos for the past five days. Despite repeated calls for comment, she refused to dispel rumors that she will dominate the costume challenge by wearing an astronaut uniform. ***(PR)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

October 15, 2005

Labor unveils $400K automation project

The Labor Department unveiled new hardware and software equipment at its San Antonio offices yesterday, promising that the processing of applications at the department would become faster with the government's $400,000-automation project. Labor and Immigration Identification and Documentation System director Tom Torres said the automation would not only make the processing of applications faster, but reduce the risk of misplacing documents as the processing would be done online. With the automation, an application filed with the department will be scanned and routed for review and determination to the appropriate desks online.

Chinese superstar shoots video on Saipan

Chinese recording superstar Li Quan was on Saipan for a five-day music video shoot for his 6th album that will be released on Oct. 25 in China. Li Quan, producer, singer and songwriter, was accompanied by seven other crewmembers, including Sony/BMG China supervisor Leslie Zhu. As translated by Cynthia Weng of Daichi Hotel Saipan Beach, Zhu said the company shot videos for five of Quan's new songs. She said the Marianas Visitors Authority's invitation prompted the group to come and film the videos in the CNMI. Zhu said they selected Saipan over Korea and Queensland, Australia due to its tropical setting.

October 15, 2006

Tinian seaport reopens

The U.S. Coast Guard has declared the Tinian seaport safe for commercial traffic. "We have finished diving and inspecting the entrance buoys. The port is now open to all kinds of vessels," said Saipan-based U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Greg Schultz in a telephone interview Friday afternoon. He said that, with the exception of Buoy 1, all six buoys have been located and are now in their proper place. Schultz said Buoy 1 is on-shore and will be fixed later this month. It's lack, he said, "is not that critical."

WASC accrediting team arrives

Twelve members of the Western Association of School and Colleges Accreditation Team are now on the island for the Northern Marianas College accreditation review that will start tomorrow, Monday. The team arrived yesterday. The review process itself will be held from Oct. 17 to 19. Acting president Danny Wyatt encourages the cooperation of all NMC faculty and staff during the visit of the WASC accreditation team. Wyatt said the last time the WASC team visited the college was two years ago. He said the 12 members would be occupying the NMC president's room. Wyatt and staff were busy preparing up to the last minute for the accommodation of the members.

October 15, 2007

'Federalization is in best interest of locals'

The people who would benefit most from federalization of CNMI immigration are the Chamorros and the Carolinians, according to Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs David B. Cohen. In his opinion, Cohen said the interest of the locals is the same as the interest of the guest workers. "The Chamorros and Carolinians have the most to benefit from federalization and that empowering the guest workers will help empower the Chamorros and Carolinians," Cohen told *Saipan Tribune* during his consultation meeting with some guest workers who have pending labor cases Friday at Micro Beach's pavilion. Currently, he pointed out, the fact that guest workers are vulnerable drives down wages in the CNMI and that's why the wages are too low for locals to want to take jobs in the private sector.

Man dies in 4 vehicular smashup

A man died during a smashup involving four vehicles along Beach Road in Susupe yesterday at midnight. Department of Public Safety spokesperson Lei Ogumoro confirmed that an Asian male died in the accident that happened near the entrance of Saipan Grand Hotel. Ogumoro said she has no other information yet and that she is going to release more details about the accident today. Saipan Tribune however learned from witnesses that the fatality was the driver of a Toyota Corolla. He had a male passenger who suffered minor injuries.

Guam senator pushes for deportation of criminals

Sen. Rory J. Respicio is joined by stakeholders yesterday morning in a discussion on the deportation of certain convicted criminals who fall under the Compacts of Free Association.

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GUAM—Sen. Rory J. Respicio was joined by stakeholders in the criminal justice system yesterday morning in a discussion on the deportation of certain convicted criminals who fall under the Compacts of Free Association.

Respicio, chairman of the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs and Human & Natural Resources & Election Reform, hosted a roundtable meeting with numerous stakeholders to discuss the ongoing efforts to deport criminals convicted in Guam.

"Our community is well aware that crime is on the rise," Respicio said. "Many residents don't feel safe in their own homes, and our criminal justice system can't handle the load. There is no reason that this situation should continue at this level when the Compacts of Free Association already provide for the deportation of FAS citizens who are convicted criminals."

Guam Attorney General Leonardo Rapadas, representatives from Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo's Office, the governor's senior policy adviser Arthur Clark, the Mayors Council of Guam, Victims Advocates Reaching Out, the Courts of Guam, local law enforcement officials, and 14 senators were among those in attendance to discuss a provision Respicio authored in Public Law 32-049, that requires the coordination of the deportation of certain convicted criminals who are covered under the Compacts.

The provision requires "Upon conviction of a deportable crime, the Attorney General of Guam shall immediately notify the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, of Guam's desire to have the COFA citizen deported. The AG shall work closely with the U.S. ICE Division of DHS to ensure all documents related to the conviction and required for deportation are immediately provided to the proper authorities."

The AG is required to transmit a quarterly report to *I Liheslatura,* indicating the number of cases forwarded to U.S. ICE, and to publish the report on their website.

Currently, under the terms of the Compacts of Free Association, citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Belau who have entered Guam via the Compact's provisions are subject to deportation if convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude. They also are subject to deportation if they are sentenced to one year or more for any crime committed in Guam, or if they are repeat offenders of the "driving under the influence of alcohol" statutes.

Respicio said at the roundtable meeting yesterday morning that the agencies handling the rise in crime are struggling, and that the entire criminal justice system in Guam "is near breaking point."

"DOC is our island's only prison and it is over capacity, with a federal review ongoing regarding its ability to house inmates," Respicio said. "The provision I authored in PL 32-049 was designed to alleviate crowded conditions at our prison, and to provide some form of relief for our criminal justice system."

According to Rapadas, since Public Law 32-049 was passed in July this year, 19 citizens who fall under the Compacts have been convicted of crimes allowing them to be deported. This includes 18 individuals convicted of misdemeanors and one for a felony DUI crime. ***(PR)***

McDonald's donates $2.5K to Red Cross

American Red Cross representatives Larry Lee, left, Nola Hix, second right, and John Hirsh, right, receive a $2,500 donation from McDonald's general manager Marcia Ayuyu, second left, and president Joe Ayuyu, Friday, Oct. 10.

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McDonald's Saipan on Friday gave $2,500 to one of its favorite non-profit organizations in the CNMI, the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

Joe Ayuyu, the fastfood franchise's president, said if there's any organization in the Commonwealth that McDonald's Saipan is always ready to help, it's the Red Cross.

"You look around us today, we're having some kind of bad weather and, if it ever becomes a typhoon, these are the guys that you have to go to for assistance. I'm very, very humbled and grateful that the Red Cross is giving us an opportunity to help them out. Our donation of $2,500 may be small but I think it will go a long way," said Ayuyu.

John Hirsh, executive director of the local chapter of the Red Cross, thanked Ayuyu, his family, and his businesses for again donating handsomely to the Red Cross.

"We're honored really that McDonald's Saipan has again chosen the Red Cross as one of the organizations on the island that they support," Hirsh said. "We really have a long history of working with the Ayuyus and trying to collaborate with that [American Red Cross] Walkathon event and the Club 200 and they've just been an integral part of our success here. That's why we're always grateful."

ARC-NMI Chapter board member Larry Lee said if there's a business or agency on island that is always a sure bet to support the Red Cross, it's McDonald's Saipan.

"We're so happy and grateful. McDonald's Saipan is always there to support us. No hesitation whatsoever," said Lee, who has been a Red Cross volunteer for more than 20 years.

Also present during Friday's check presentation at the restaurant's Middle Road branch were McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuyu and ARC-NMI board member Nola Hix.

1K expected for Club 200

Hirsh said all is set for this Saturday's Club 200, which is doubly special because it not only celebrates the 25th anniversary of the event but also commemorates the local chapter's 35th anniversary.

"This year is particularly a milestone because it's the 25th anniversary of the Club 200. The first one was on Managaha Island and 35th anniversary last Oct. 9 of the founding of the chapter."

He said that ticket sales for Club 200 are doing quite well and he expects more 1,000 people to take part in the CNMI's biggest party of the year.

"We're very fortunate with our corporate donors this year and the community seems to be very enthusiastic to come out to support our 'Salute to Service' theme. This year's theme is all about paying tribute to our service members, men and women in uniform and really everybody who is out there helping people in the community like firefighters, doctors, teachers, and businesses…"

The 2013 Club 200 is set for Oct. 19 at the poolside of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. Doors open at 6pm.

Tickets are for $100 and give holders a chance to win the Club 200's grand prize worth $15,000.

Last year, the ARC-NMI Chapter raised in excess of $100,000 during its Club 200, which had a "Wild West" theme. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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Compromise isn't a bad word

Having survived the Civil War, this country should know better than to treat the latest government shutdown as the political equivalent of the Bible's depiction of Earth's last days.

The American political system may be stalled, but it isn't time for a mercy shot to put it out of its misery. Rather, the mess in Washington should motivate people to use the best means they have to push their government out of its funk: going to the polls and voting.

There's a caveat to that prescription, however. If voters do no more than pull the lever for a label, instead of a person, they will continue to elect politicians who don't recognize the word compromise as part of the English language—politicians who think it's treason to part from their faction for any reason.

Government can't function without compromise. That point was reiterated recently by a number of essayists commenting on the political theories of the noted Yale professor Juan Linz, who died last week. Linz believed political systems with strong presidencies are doomed to fail. He preferred parliamentary systems, with prime ministers who are forced to form coalitions to govern.

Linz wrote a two-volume book on the subject, The Failure of Presidential Democracy, in which he used Latin American presidencies as examples of flawed governments. He maintained that when a president and a congress are elected by separate constituencies, it's difficult for them to rule together.

That type of difficulty is what this country seems to be experiencing now. While President Obama touts his reelection as a mandate to implement the Affordable Care Act, a minority of House Republicans argues that their collective election was a mandate to destroy the law. Unable to agree, they missed a deadline to fund many government functions.

That failure won't be final. Even as Americans sigh in despair every day that the shutdown continues, most expect the impasse to end eventually. The evidence is in the 237 years their government has endured, even through the aforementioned Civil War. People are losing patience, though, for a remedy to begin to work its magic.

The remedy is for more of the people elected to Congress to make informed decisions about the best course for this country, to unshackle themselves from groupthink politics, and to stop being afraid to compromise. That's harder to do these days, with so many legislative districts carved so as to discourage diversity, including diverse points of view. But it isn't impossible.

The remedy is stronger leadership to reach the compromises that Washington has evaded for too long. Even as the fight linking the government shutdown to Obamacare may be nearing a resolution, other lines have been drawn over increasing the nation's borrowing limit. Once again, there's too little talk of compromise among lawmakers. Maybe they're waiting for a prime minister.

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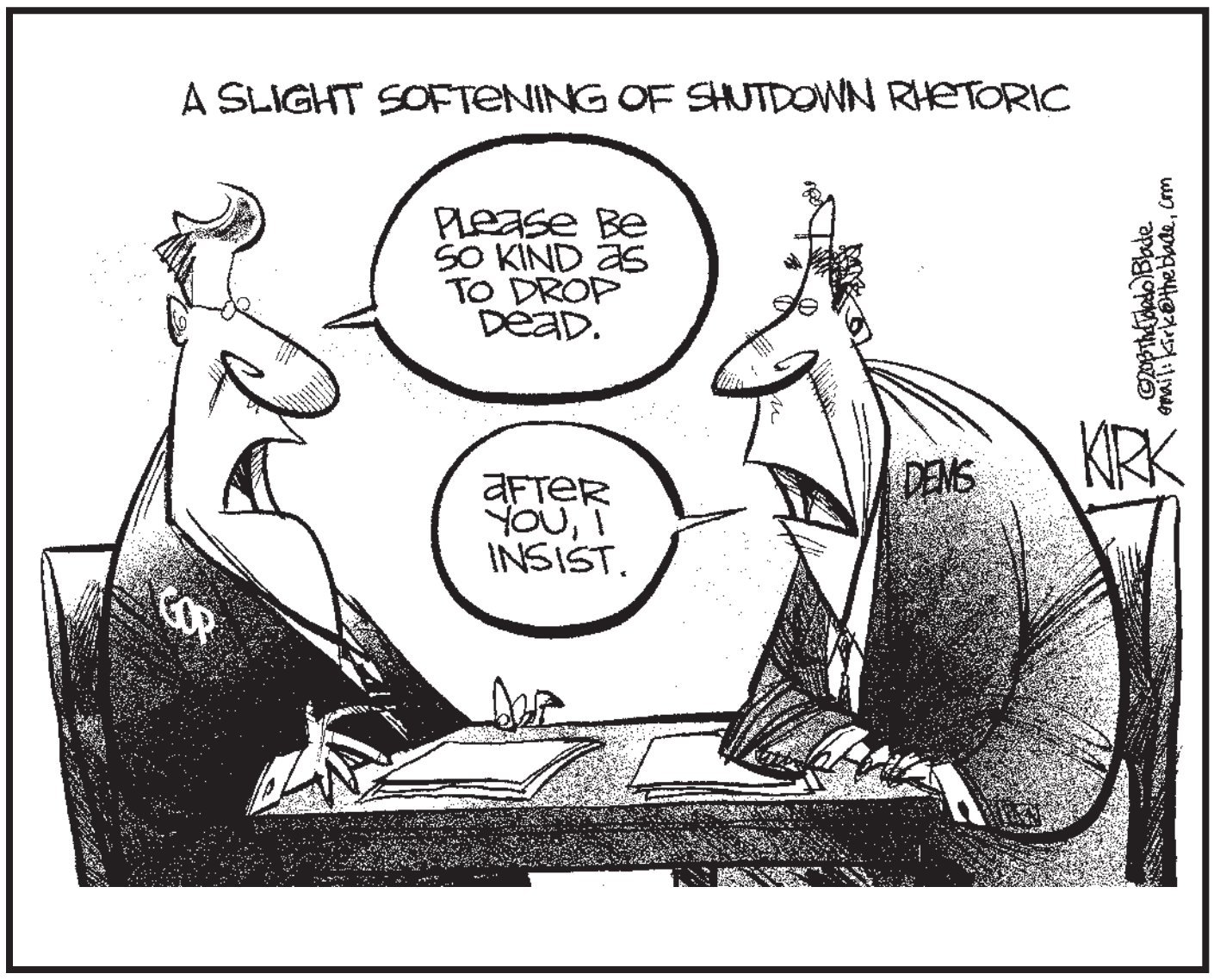

Cynicism, ideology or opportunity for reform?

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President Obama's critics dismiss the closing of iconic monuments and attractions as a cynical political ploy to maximize the perceived pain of a partial government shutdown. That's only partly right. These actions reflect ideological motivations that have never before guided shutdown strategy. I noticed this because I lived in the Washington area for most of the last 30 years, which covers most of the significant government shutdowns.

During the Clinton administration, I personally experienced the pain of shutdowns because I worked for the federal government. Those of us who labored on the staff of Congress' Joint Economic Committee had to stay home because we were "non-essential." Despite the political bloviation about how the shutdown would tank the economy, apparently Congress didn't need economic advice during the shutdown. Had it considered some guidance on government land use and privatization, however, some of the current political gamesmanship may have been mitigated.

It was a tremendous hardship during the 1995-'96 shutdown—being locked out of the office but unable to go on vacation because the shutdown could end any day and I'd have to go back to work. As usually occurs during shutdowns (including the current one), we still got paid for staying at home, but this time, the shutdown isn't just affecting federal employees and operations. The government also sought the shutdown of privately owned and privately funded facilities by controlling access to them.

One of the most prominent closures was the open-air World War II Memorial (until it was stormed by D-Day veterans in wheelchairs). Private funds built the memorial, but it sits on federal land, in the middle of the open-air National Mall.

Another brief victim was George Washington's home at Mount Vernon, owned and operated by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, a private nonprofit founded in 1853. The National Park Service barricaded Mount Vernon's parking lots with signs reading, "Because of the federal government shutdown, this National Park Service facility is closed." Mount Vernon is not owned by the National Park Service and receives no federal money, but the free parking lots are on federal land.

Just up the George Washington Parkway in McLean, Va., the National Park Service closed the Claude Moore Memorial Farm, which re-creates American life in 1771. Prior government shutdowns never closed the farm because it's operated by a private lessee and received no federal funding since 1980. After a week of harsh publicity, the farm was allowed to reopen on Oct. 9, with no explanation given.

Privately owned Historic Jamestowne, site of the first permanent English-speaking settlement in the United States, is closed because visitors have to drive through a national park to get there. Some private campgrounds and inns are also closed for the first time during a shutdown because they're on federal land. Closing private campgrounds in national forests actually costs the government money because the concessionaires who operate them pay the government a percentage of revenues.

These aren't cynical political moves at all. They are logical outgrowths of an ideology articulated in the president's famous "you didn't build that" speech. The language chiding selfish business owners who think government deserves no credit for their accomplishments could just as well have been directed to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association: "Somebody invested in roads and bridges … you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen."

Sounds like a perfectly sensible reason for the government to block off access to Mount Vernon's parking lots, privately funded memorials, and privately run campgrounds. Maybe the next step could be setting up blockades at the entrance ramp of interstate highways to demonstrate how dependent we are on a well-funded federal government. While we're at it, pull the plug on the Internet, since federal dollars funded the original networks connecting national defense installations and universities.

When the administration's defenders predict calamity from a government shutdown, or sequester, or any other reduction in government activity, they're not being cynical. They know it can happen because a federal government that controls access can deny access.

By removing the government's control over access, privatization could eliminate some enticing opportunities to promote political polarization. Why not sell (or give) the Mount Vernon parking lots to the nonprofit that owns Mount Vernon? Why not sell some campgrounds and inns at national forests to the lessees who operate them (with deed restrictions to ensure that they don't get turned into theme parks)? At the very least, Congress should give the nonprofit and for-profit operators of such facilities a legally enforceable guarantee that the federal government cannot cut off access in the future.

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I Bonitu Na Kantun Tasi

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Guaha 'nai humanau-yu' mamokat gi kantun tasin Puntan Muchot pot para bai' na deskansan ñaihon hinasoghu. Entalu' taftaf oga'an `sino lemlem tautau 'nai mamomokat-yu'.

Guaha `nai tisu apigasan teñguhu gi pinekathu. Mangagau-yu' dispensu pot esta kase oran i man-mofo'na. Hu diñgu pa'gu i lugat ya sigeyu' tatte giya hame.

Lau gi fatachoñghu, kulan hulili'e finattun antigu siha na mañainata `nai sige masuhun halom i galaide` pat sakman ginen man-peska. Era mañugu un' noche giya Mañagaha ma-aregla siha i kineni antes de u tulus siha halom Puntan Muchot.

I gasgas unai yan dikiki' siha na napu ni man-gagalileg halom kase esta ha bira siha ginen chagu' na kantun unai man-manbisita. Desde peskan halom laguna esta kiñientus miyas hiyuñg rubentasion hu e'ega' gi hinasoghu guihe na lemlem tautau.

Dañkulu yan man-fuetsudu na lalahen antigu man-estaba gi minachom atdau. Matotne fina' fugera mientras i pumalu ma-aregla lugat fandeskansayan.

Hu ekuñgog ñaihon konbetsasion niha, i grasia siha yan planun para i sigiente dia. Makatkula na nahoñg kada familia mantension totchen tasi. Para u tulus siha tatte gi gualu gi sigiente chagchag oga'an. Man-mattu i familia siha ya sige man-a'ayuda gi finatinas sena yan hinitu' guafag gi halom guma' siguale.

`Nai tininuyu' ni puntan chipahu, hu diside na esta tai bisnesyu' sumasaunau gi halom espiritun antigu na mañainata. Tatnai sisida para bai' mana' abag, dinalag `sino hineddan. Hu tulusyu` para i gima gi kase 'las ochu.

Maliñgun kutturan komplimientu

In' hassu antes i pueñgen komplimientu? Guiya este na pueñge antes de u akamu i nobia yan nobiu gi gima' Yuus gi sigiente dia.

Man-mattu i familian i nobiu ya mapresenta i nobia ni magagun umakamu', halahas, sapatos yan a'ug siha. Ennau i a'ug siña ha inklusu fina' mames yan otru siha ninae' para i familian i nobia. Matutuhon selebrasion fandango dispues de magutus i uttimu finihu' 'nai masede para u asagua i dos tautau.

Kase pot gaston fandango mina' adumididi' maliñgu este na patte gi kustumbren tanu' pot tinituhon nuebu na familia. Magahet na bonitu na kustumbre ni finiñut ni chinatsagan i tanu'.

Tradision Peska

Un' biahe hu dalalag un' maestron peska gi halom tasin Chalan Laulau. I primet kinene'ña un' mantikan hugupau ha aka' ya ha dagau ñaihon tatte gi tasi.

Mampos ha kone' imbelekeruhu haf' na ha yute' i guihan. Ilegña, "Ahe' lai'hu ti hu yute' na para i man-mofo'na na peskadot antigu puede ha bendise hit ya hana` fan mehna hit".

Guiya este otru kase mafnas gi halom nuebu siha na peskadot. Un' hagas mapraktika ni maestron peska desde antes. Un' sumen bonito na patte gi kutturan makusechan guinahan tasi-ta.

Buente pot ti ma-offisiona 'sino ti marepara ni nuebu siha na peskadot na humuyuñg ti mapraktitika na tiempu. Kontodu panag kulan un' attikulu ni maliñgu gi espehos santatte.

Man-ugas mendioka

Dispues de in'lasas i mendioka, inna' sahñge para masaibog yan tamalas. I tetehnan in' tutuhon umetsis dispues in' igas pot para bai'l lagnos asientoña. Paire na asientu para ruskete yan na'yen otru siha finatinas. Sumen paire lokue' tamalesña piot ginen mendiokan amariyu.

Hu chage lokue' malulug manguleg eskomen mai'es. Magahet na esta sososgunyu' masahalom lau ti hu sotta i manu (achu' manguleg) estake monhayan todus. Mientras tantos, muna'lagu si biahu atmayas ni numa'eyu' fuetsa manguleg. Ai 'nai masa i pinada'ña fresku na titiyas mai'es. Sin totche duru hu gulusune.

Hu hassu lokue' atulen harina ni te'ug ni mana' ginachuñge ni `asnen tukun mañahag `sino atulai. Mauleg na fina' mirienda para 'an hoben yan fafacho'chu' hau. Pagu 'an esta gaige hau gi tropan ruskete, maulegña un' upus kadu' ti un' lie'. Tatnai `sisida un' mahospitat sin presisu.

Siudan Satdinas

Un' tiempu hu pokate ayu na siuda (Monterey Pininsula) gi halom iya San Francisco `nai maproduduse latan satdinas asaite yan tumates antes na tiempu. Man-dañkulun guma' ni man-bonitu kulan palasyu kada unu. Puru man-miyinariu mangai gima'. I mañainan niha gumutai keblen satdinas antes yan dispues de geran dos.

Tumohgeyu' hihot yan fina' resturan ni mafanana'an "Fisherman's Wharf" ya hu ta'lun umatan i lugat punta pot punta. Sigeyu' chumaleg ni banidosu-hu yan tai nina' siña-hu pot hagas hu daflogue totchen satdinas guine.

Hombre, guiya 'ste i tetchen poble `sino pabun man-na'mase' guine gi ha'anen Thanksgiving. Adahe na manadan dinage gi man-gachoñg-hu na chumochu-yu' pabu lau ayu ha' `nai umasuda'yu' yan este na chatpagun ga'ga' gi papet ni huyuñga'. De dios mihu!

Dispues man-asoda' ham yan un' kometsiante ni fumaisen kau siña `in bendegue' tres tinilada na mendioka kada semana. Diberas, ensegidas in' eppe "huñgan". Sige ham dispues man-atgumentu ham sa' ni tatanum mendioka gi todu rubentasion yan hilu' tanu' guine ni ñgai'an `nai siña ta kusecha tres tinilada na mendioka gi semana. Mattu gi finu' kabron. A`Saina i tropan man-inosiente.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A new economic model

The Department of Commerce has invited the people of the CNMI for a meeting tomorrow at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center at 6pm to present the newly developed CNMI Economic Model. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the economic model and its practical uses for the CNMI. Some administrative matters before this meeting should be considered to adjust the assembly atmosphere for all ordinary and lay people of the CNMI who may be interested in knowing about the newly developed economic model but would be discouraged and intimidated as a participant in the crowd due to the enormous complexity of the subject. First, let's say that 99 percent of people in the CNMI lack the academic capacity and background to fully understand what an "economic model" is and would find it difficult and problematic to internalize the subject's value. This aura of pretentious knowledge about all the elements of the subject under discussion will abound once the Commerce secretary and the modeler of the newly developed economic model starts the presentation.

What matters is that we are being told by press release that a part of the presentation scheme will deal with the "practical uses" of the economic model for the CNMI. So, the Secretary of Commerce is well prepared to sell what all these practical uses of the economic model are, but is it just as critical for him to spell out any "impractical uses" of the economic model as well? No one prefers and wants to display one's inadequacy and shortcomings but in this meeting it would be only those who can follow the discussion who would appreciate and benefit the most. It would be a challenge for the principals of the Department of Commerce and the consultant. And, for most of us in the CNMI being lay people, would we be able to know what this economic model is, considering that most of us have a reading and comprehension level of the English language below 10th grade? Or, does it really matter?

This idea about double talk by a key principal of the Department of Commerce on the subject of economic development modeling is just the usual rhetoric we can expect of our appointed bureaucrats in government circles. The press release mentioned troubling revelation of our Commerce secretary displaying his ignorance about his knowledge of the microcosm of our unique CNMI economy, which the economic model attempts to simplify. It is hoped that what this official said was just a misquote by the reporter.

The rhetoric and double talk that there is such a thing as "economic health" of an economy such as ours is troubling. The uniqueness of the CNMI as an economic system in itself does have its own idiosyncrasy, exposing its complexity, uncertainty, volatility, and ambiguity. Hence, talking points such as "measure of the economic health" or "historical economic health" concerning the CNMI's unique economy is just out of line and not relevant. What is economic health and all these double talking point of discussion? Is there a common language in economics that he should resort to for his real talk in order to bring a point, or is this just a display of the lack of knowledge about the subject?

The Department of Commerce is all about economics, be it about economic development or development economics, all in any order. The idea about the Department of Commerce providing the data for policy makers in the CNMI government is a lopsided idea. By law, the Department of Commerce is the "data generating process center." In this context, the department is an integral think tank dealing with economic matters for the entire CNMI economy, involved from the trivial to the vital players driving the machines and parts and uniquely interacting and cooperating within these economic borders.

The purpose of an economic model is to simplify reality. It is designed in that, if it is done acceptably and appropriately, it will yield hypotheses about the economic behavior of agents or players that can be tested. What is known about an economic model is that it is necessarily subjective in design (constructions and structure) because there are no objective measures of economic outcome. I stand corrected on this if there is counter argument putting this assertion as impractical. Different modelers of economic models will make different judgments about what is needed to explain their interpretations of our economic reality. The question is: Is the Commerce secretary able to decipher what the new economic model is supposed to perform without engaging in false positive determination once the model is doing what it is not supposed to do? Thus, it is critical that we know what the economic model is about and its limitations. Frankly, it is not the panacea to our ailing economy.

The subsystems of our CNMI economic system are complex, but nonetheless they should be revealed and ascertained. For example, we have institutional systems such as the Public Education System. If we look at PSS as a major part dealing with the human capital aspect of the entire CNMI economy, what it achieves or fails to perform would have a dramatic impact on the whole. It is just like throwing a rock in a pond of water, it creates a ripple effect. Having that in mind, the Department of Commerce should have all these subsystems considered and reasoned out in the construction of their economic model. The regulating effects of all the parts of the whole as allocators and distributors would be a common understanding when all these are put together. Therefore, in order for the subsystem to play its role on the whole, the key resource allocators in that system should ascertain how its resources are economized. So, the bottom line for PSS is to determine and perform its own economic modeling at that level, so that by this it should determine that 20 percent of all its capital investment produces 80 percent of the student achievements or to what it is designed to achieve by its mission and constitutional mandates. If this is not ascertained, economizing subsystems like that of PSS would have a major impact on the economy as a whole.

This is the hope and by crystal balling what the future should be by evaluating the historical and present data, we will think that the new economic model would be one of the instrument that our Department of Commerce would use as the think tank of our government dealing with economics matter. But then, of course, available in the market places are decision tree, game, insurance, and other decision making theories from which our Department of Commerce can avail itself to further ascertain the unknown. And this is the why the human specie is troubled about matters dealing with predictable uncertainty and unpredictable uncertainty of our actions and lack of. No one is troubled by our predictable certainty and unpredictable certainty. We are hoping that our Department of Commerce actually knows these differences.

Lastly, what matters is knowing what are the "vital few" and "trivial many" in the development of the economic model. We know that the input to the model (exogenous variable), and by design and construction by the modeler, taking account of endogenous variables are part of the econometric aspect and all these would be dealt with in the calculus. The empirical theory is just as important. We will look to the Commerce secretary and the department to make sure that all the complexities are covered. What is important is: what is the average cost or marginal cost of doing business in the CNMI? For the CNMI government, the interest centers on the fact that 80 percent of all its gross receipts revenues come from 20 percent of the principal taxpayers. Frankly, these are vital few of the economy that should be a talking point for policy makers ranging from the governor, elected members of the Legislature and appointees in key departments dealing directly or indirectly with the CNMI economy, and business firms playing a part in the CNMI economy. Is this something that we can buy in from the workings of the new economic model our Commerce secretary has in mind? Certainly, this is not the last time that one would check on the progress and development of this instrument. With this in mind, welcome to the meeting and hope all is well.

Francisco R. Agulto
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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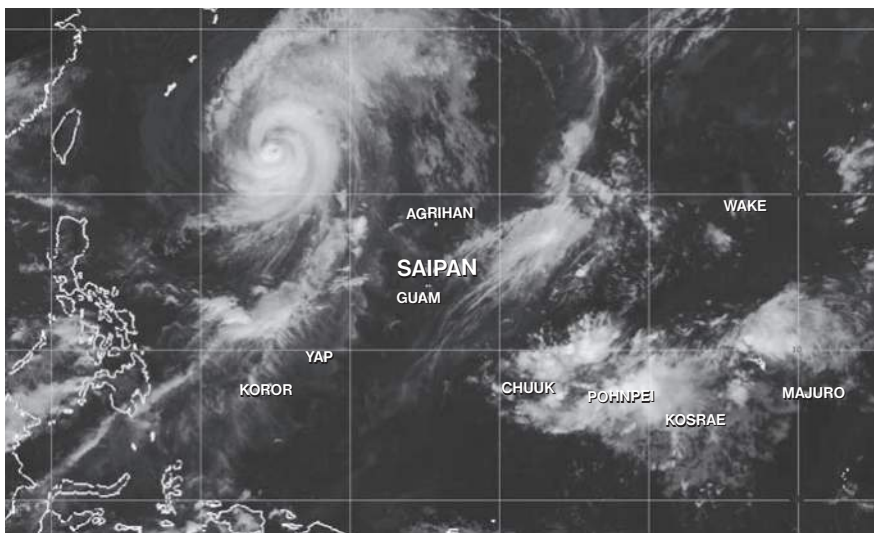
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼77
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼78
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼74
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼74
Majuro	Sunny	▲86	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲65	▼54
Beijing	Sunny	▲62	▼38
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼75
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼71
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲54	▼46
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲79	▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼77
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲69	▼50
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼69
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼53
Osaka	Rain	▲73	▼66
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲59	▼48
Pusan	Windy	▲75	▼54
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼63
Salem	Sunny	▲68	▼40
San Francisco	Sunny	▲74	▼55
Seoul	Showers	▲61	▼46
Tokyo	Rain	▲73	▼67
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼54

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Wipha (25W) centered 840 miles west-northwest of Saipan at 22N135E is moving north-northwestward at 15 mph with maximum sustained winds of 125 mph. Numerous showers with heavy rain and isolated thunderstorms are present near the center of Wipha between 15N and 25N from 133E to 139E while scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found between 21N and 24N from 131E and 133E and north of Yap and Koror between 11N and 14N from 131E to 137E. For more information on Wipha, refer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and also public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A surface trough east of the Marianas runs northward from 12N153E to 20N151E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located between 17N and 19N from 152E to 157E. An upper-level trough extends northeastward from 17N167E to 23N177E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located east of Wake Island between 18N and 23N from 173E to 180. A surface trough extends east-southeastward from 10N154E to a weak circulation centered north of Pohnpei at 9N159E then curves northeastward to beyond the date line at 16N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring east of Chuuk over Pohnpei and north of Kosrae between 5N and 11N from 152E to 165E and north of Kwajelein and Majuro between 9N and 13N from 166E to 173E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:54 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
11:32 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
6:07 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
Wednesday	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Thursday	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Friday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Saturday	6:09 AM	5:54 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:07 PM	2:25 AM
Wednesday	3:52 PM	3:21 AM
Thursday	4:36 PM	4:16 AM
Friday	5:20 PM	5:11 AM
Saturday	6:04 PM	6:04 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:45pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5074/PR111	11:20am	4:45pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:10am	10:45am	6
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
PR110/UA5072	7:35am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	7:55am	12:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Business

Visa rules for Chinese going to UK will be eased

Visa applications for Chinese visitors entering the UK will be simplified, Chancellor George Osborne has announced during his trade trip to China.

Under the plan, Chinese nationals visiting the EU will not need to submit separate UK visa applications if they book with selected travel agents.

Osborne is trying to persuade more Chinese companies to invest in the UK.

But he told an audience of students that his visit was about "much more than a collection of business deals."

"What I really want it to be about is strengthening the understanding between our two nations, deepening our friendship, working out where by working together we can improve the lives of all our citizens," he said in a speech to university students in Beijing.

"Yes, of course, we have differences, different political systems, we attach value to different things, and we shouldn't be afraid of pointing out where we disagree.

"But let us not do it in a way that is not respectful of each other and tries to understand each other, and let us try to overcome our differences and work together in peaceful cooperation.

"Because ultimately we want the same thing—a better life for our citizens."

Mobile visa scheme

During his weeklong trip, Osborne has already unveiled a deal in which a Chinese firm took a 20-percent stake in a new business park in Manchester.

And on Sunday came details of the visa changes.

Currently, Chinese visitors can apply for a single visa to visit much of Europe but a separate one is required to travel to the UK.

It is thought that the extra paperwork is deterring many Chinese visitors from including the UK in a trip to Europe.

A mobile visa scheme that already operates in Beijing and Shanghai will be expanded as part of the changes.

Under the mobile service, which was first tested by executives at Wanda, the company that bought Sunseeker yachts, officials go out to applicants to collect their paperwork and biometric data.

The process can take under five minutes.

A 24-hour "super priority" visa service will also be available from next summer. The moves will be welcomed by UK businesses who want to benefit from Chinese tourists.

In his speech, Osborne said: "Let me make this clear to you and to the whole of China, there is no limit to the number of Chinese who could study in Britain.

"There is no limit to the number of Chinese tourists who can visit. No limit on the amount of business we can do together."

According to the government, last year 210,000 visas were issued to Chinese nationals and they contributed around £300m to the UK economy. ***(BBC)***

AP

Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne delivers a speech at a Manchester-China Forum in Beijing Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013.

Worker must tame temper to succeed

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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QUESTION: One of my employees seems to be alienating his co-workers. Several of them have complained that "Ted" gets angry and upset very easily, so they try to avoid working with him. His moody outbursts make people uncomfortable and create tension in the group.

Because I have never seen that side of Ted, I'm not sure how to handle this. Although he seems a little high-strung, Ted does good work and always behaves appropriately around me. If I bring up these concerns, he'll want to know who complained, which will only cause additional friction. What should I do?

ANSWER: Despite lacking firsthand knowledge, you can probably assume that these complaints are valid. One unhappy colleague might signify a personality conflict, but widespread concern almost certainly indicates trouble with Ted.

Unfortunately, difficult employees often fail to realize that satisfactory job performance involves more than producing results. Success also means working well with your boss and getting along with co-workers. Ted apparently meets two of these criteria, but is failing miserably at the third.

As the person responsible for this group, you need to have a firm and direct coaching conversation with Ted. When he demands to know who complained, remind him that he has no right to that information, then quickly return to the topic at hand.

For example: "Ted, I understand your wanting to find out who spoke with me, because that's just human nature. But my conversations with other employees are confidential, just as my conversations with you are confidential. We need to discuss your disruptive behavior, not the people who mentioned it."

Ted must clearly comprehend that if his fits of temper continue, serious consequences will follow. Office tantrums are completely unacceptable and should never be tolerated.

Q: My boss constantly talks about her children, her in-laws, her social life and other personal matters. She will ask if I like what's she's wearing, then explain why she purchased it. She also enjoys gossiping about other managers. All this unnecessary conversation is a big waste of time.

As her executive assistant, I have no way to escape these lengthy monologues because I sit outside her office. If I try to change the subject, she gets annoyed with me. I don't want to quit my job, but I can hardly stand to spend one more day around this woman. Any suggestions?

A: Managers and assistants typically have a very close relationship, so you aren't likely to succeed in this role unless you conquer your resentment. Since your boss's chatty personality isn't going to change, you must either become more tolerant or start making plans to leave.

One adaptation strategy is to view these gab sessions as just another part of your job. Make an effort to anticipate them and adjust your schedule accordingly. But if you still grind your teeth whenever your manager mentions her mother-in-law, then it's time to move on. Remaining in this job with such a negative attitude wouldn't be fair to either one of you.

Social Security raise to be among lowest in years

WASHINGTON (AP)—For the second straight year, millions of Social Security recipients, disabled veterans and federal retirees can expect historically small increases in their benefits come January.

Preliminary figures suggest a benefit increase of roughly 1.5 percent, which would be among the smallest since automatic increases were adopted in 1975, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

Next year's raise will be small because consumer prices, as measured by the government, haven't gone up much in the past year.

The exact size of the cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, won't be known until the Labor Department releases the inflation report for September. That was supposed to happen Wednesday, but the report was delayed indefinitely because of the partial government shutdown.

The COLA is usually announced in October to give Social Security and other benefit programs time to adjust January payments. The Social Security Administration has given no indication that raises would be delayed because of the shutdown, but advocates for seniors said the uncertainty was unwelcome.

Social Security benefits have continued during the shutdown.

More than one-fifth of the country is waiting for the news.

Nearly 58 million retirees, disabled workers, spouses and children get Social Security benefits. The average monthly payment is $1,162. A 1.5 percent raise would increase the typical monthly payment by about $17.

The COLA also affects benefits for more than 3 million disabled veterans, about 2.5 million federal retirees and their survivors, and more than 8 million people who get Supplemental Security Income, the disability program for the poor.

Automatic COLAs were adopted so that benefits for people on fixed incomes would keep up with rising prices. Many seniors, however, complain that the COLA sometimes falls short, leaving them little wiggle room.

David Waugh of Bethesda, Md., said he can handle one small COLA but several in a row make it hard to plan for unexpected expenses.

Hope remains for global recovery beyond US impasse

WASHINGTON (AP)—Worries about a possible U.S. debt default cast a pall over weekend meetings of global financial leaders in Washington. But they ended with some hope over signs that the U.S. and European economies are pulling out of long slumps.

During three days of talks revolving around meetings of the 188-nation International Monetary Fund and its sister lending agency, the World Bank, top officials pressed the U.S. to resolve the political impasse over the debt ceiling. The standoff has blocked approval of legislation to increase the government's borrowing limit before a fast-approaching Thursday deadline.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew has warned that he will exhaust his borrowing authority Thursday and the government will face the prospect of defaulting on its debt unless Congress raises the $16.7 trillion borrowing limit.

"We are now five days away from a very dangerous moment," World Bank President Jim Yong Kim warned at the closing news conference on Saturday. "I urge U.S. policymakers to quickly come to a resolution before they reach the debt ceiling deadline. The closer we get to the deadline, the greater the impact will be for the developing world."

Kim said a default would be a "disastrous event" for poorer countries. It would also be certain to derail the already fragile global economic recovery.

"We know there are problems," Tharman Shanmugaratnam, the head of the IMF's policy-steering committee and Singapore's finance minister, told a news conference at the end of the IMF meeting. "We know there are near-term risks, the most obvious one being what's going on in the U.S. with regard to the fiscal deficit."

But one of the big near-term concerns, the expectation that the U.S. Federal Reserve will start scaling back its massive stimulus program for the economy, is actually pointing to a positive development, Tharman said. It means that the U.S. economy is strong enough to withstand a reduction of the stimulus.

IMF officials have been forecasting that the strengthening U.S. economy will be a main driver of the global economy in the coming year.

Nation

DC crowd pushes through barriers to WWII Memorial

WASHINGTON (AP)—A crowd converged on the World War II Memorial on the National Mall on Sunday, pushing past barriers to protest the memorial's closing under the government shutdown.

Republican Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas and Mike Lee of Utah, along with former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, were part of the demonstrators.

Cruz and Lee are among the tea party-backed lawmakers who refused to keep the government operating unless President Barack Obama agreed to defund the nation's health care overhaul.

"Let me ask a simple question," Cruz told the crowd of hundreds that gathered beginning at 9 a.m. "Why is the federal government spending money to erect barricades to keep veterans out of this memorial?"

Black metal barricades have lined the front of the memorial since the government closed Oct. 1. That's when more than 300 National Park Service workers who staff and maintain the National Mall were furloughed.

As the crowd entered the memorial plaza, they chanted "Tear down these walls" and "You work for us." They sang "God bless America" and other songs.

"Our vets have proven that they have not been timid, so we will not be timid in calling out any who would use our military, our vets, as pawns in a political game," Palin told the crowd.

KOREAN WAR VET
FREEDOM IS NOT FREE
National Park Service
Due to the Federal Government shutdown, this National Park Service area is closed, except for 1st Amendment activities.

AP

Kaylee Cantrell, left, 13, from Lexington Park, Md., with Sherry Cantrell and Michael Cantrell, both from Crossville, Tenn., pose for a photo in front of a sign and removed barricades at the World War II Memorial in Washington Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013.

The memorial has become a political symbol in the bitter fight between Democrats and Republicans over who is to blame for the shutdown. Earlier rallies have focused on allowing access for World War II veterans visiting from across the country.

Sunday's rally was more political. A protest by truckers converged with a rally by a group called the Million Vet March at the memorial. Participants cut the plastic links between metal barriers at the National Park Service site and pushed them aside.

Later, some protesters carried metal barricades that look like bicycle racks from the memorial to the White House and stacked them up outside the gates, confronting police in riot gear. Some protesters carried signs reading "Impeach Obama."

Police moved the protesters back to set up barricades between the crowd and the White House gate. Some protesters chanted "shame on you" at the officers.

An armored police vehicle also was sent to the World War II Memorial as people lingered there.

District of Columbia police said the crowd was dispersing by 1 p.m., about four hours after the protests began. U.S. Park Police said there had been one arrest at the Lincoln Memorial for assault, but it was not related to the protest, said Lt. Pamela Smith.

Jim Weller of Allentown, Pa., said he came to protest "to stand up for my rights."

"My father was a World War II veteran, shot down in the Philippines in 1945, and for them to shut down this memorial is absurd," he said.

Cindy Good had a message for lawmakers.

"They need to listen to the American people," she said, "and try to work together in Congress to get this whole thing worked out."

After the protest, U.S. Park Police worked to secure the World War II Memorial again, and Smith said they were still closed because of the shutdown.

The Park Police officers, who have been guarding the memorials amid protests over their closure, are not being paid during the government shutdown.

Spending stumbling block to budget deal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Republicans and Democrats hit an impasse Sunday over spending in their last-ditch struggle to avoid an economy-jarring default in just four days and end a partial government shutdown that's entering its third week.

After inconclusive talks between President Barack Obama and House Republicans, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., took charge in trying to end the crises, although a conversation Sunday afternoon failed to break the stalemate.

"I'm optimistic about the prospects for a positive conclusion to the issues before this country today," Reid said as the Senate wrapped up a rare Sunday session.

The two cagy negotiators are at loggerheads over Democratic demands to undo or change the automatic, across-the-board spending cuts to domestic and defense programs that the GOP see as crucial to reducing the nation's deficit.

McConnell insisted a solution was readily available in the proposal from a bipartisan group of 12 senators, led by Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., that would re-open the government and fund it at current levels for six months while raising the debt limit through Jan. 31.

"It's time for Democrat leaders to take `yes' for an answer," McConnell said in a statement.

But six Democrats in the group and a spokesman for Collins said that while negotiations continued this weekend, there was no agreement.

The latest snag comes as 350,000 federal workers remain idle, hundreds of thousands more work without pay and an array of government services, from home loan applications to environmental inspections, were on hold on the 13th day of the shutdown.

Dying Ohio man on gurney leads daughter down aisle

CLEVELAND (AP)—A terminally ill Ohio man who arrived at his daughter's wedding by ambulance gave her away, from a hospital gurney.

Guests cried and clapped as Scott Nagy took part in daughter Sarah's wedding Saturday at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Strongsville, The Plain Dealer of Cleveland reported.

A volunteer team of medical professionals helped Nagy escort the 24-year-old bride as groom Angelo Salvatore and the Rev. Chuck Knerem awaited their arrival.

"It was a promise I made in March, to walk her down the aisle," said the 56-year-old Brunswick man. "She's my princess. This is my definition of walking down the aisle."

Nagy was diagnosed last year with urethral cancer and has undergone chemotherapy. He has been at University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center since August.

Doctors were uncertain if he would be able to make the wedding, initially scheduled for next year. But with monitor cords slipped under his tuxedo and a tracheal tube attached, he made the trip down the aisle, kissing a grandson who was the ringbearer and giving a thumb's up.

"There was no way he was not going to finish this out," said his wife Jean.

ACROSS THE NATION

Riot police break up party in Wash. college town

SEATTLE (AP)—Hundreds of college-age revelers in Washington state—thwarted in efforts to continue a large party—threw projectiles at police who responded with pepper spray to disperse them, authorities said. Three people were arrested during the melee late Saturday and early Sunday in the scenic college town of Bellingham, about 75 miles north of Seattle. "There was drinking, it became disorderly and pretty much an out and out riot," Bellingham police Sgt. Mike Scanlon told The Associated Press. Several police officers suffered minor injuries from broken glass, and police cars and a public bus was damaged, police said in a news release Sunday.

Boat capsizes near Miami; 30 people rescued

MIAMI (AP)—A 45-foot boat capsized Sunday in waters near Miami, tossing 30 people into the sea during one of the city's busiest boating days, authorities said. All of those on board were rescued and no one was hurt. The catamaran began taking on water near the Miami Sea Aquarium and Good Samaritans, the Coast Guard, state wildlife officials and commercial boats helped pluck people out of the water within minutes. A dog that was on the boat was also saved. It wasn't immediately why the boat started taking on water.

Ex-US Rep. Gabby Giffords attends NY gun show

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (AP)—A smiling Gabrielle Giffords toured rows of tables loaded with rifles and handguns Sunday in her first visit to a gun show since surviving a 2011 shooting, and pleaded afterward for people to come together to stop gun violence. The former Arizona congresswoman visited the Saratoga Springs Arms Fair with her astronaut husband, Mark Kelly and New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman to highlight a voluntary agreement that closely monitors gun show sales in New York. The trio mixed with a gun show crowd that was mostly welcoming—with a few hostile undertones—before calling for people to build on the cooperative effort.

Hunter found alive after 19 days in Calif. forest

UKIAH, Calif. (AP)—A 72-year-old hunter who got hurt in a Northern California forest and was lost for 19 days survived the ordeal by eating squirrels and lizards and covering himself with leaves to stay warm, authorities said Sunday. Gene Penaflor, 72, of San Francisco, was found Saturday in Mendocino National Forest by other hunters who carried him to safety in a makeshift stretcher, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office said in a written statement. Penaflor had been missing since Sept. 24 when he didn't meet up with his hunting partner for lunch. The two had split up for several hours to hunt deer, and during his hike, Penaflor fell and struck his head. He later told detectives he woke up disoriented amid thick fog.

Asia

Death toll in India temple stampede rises to 109

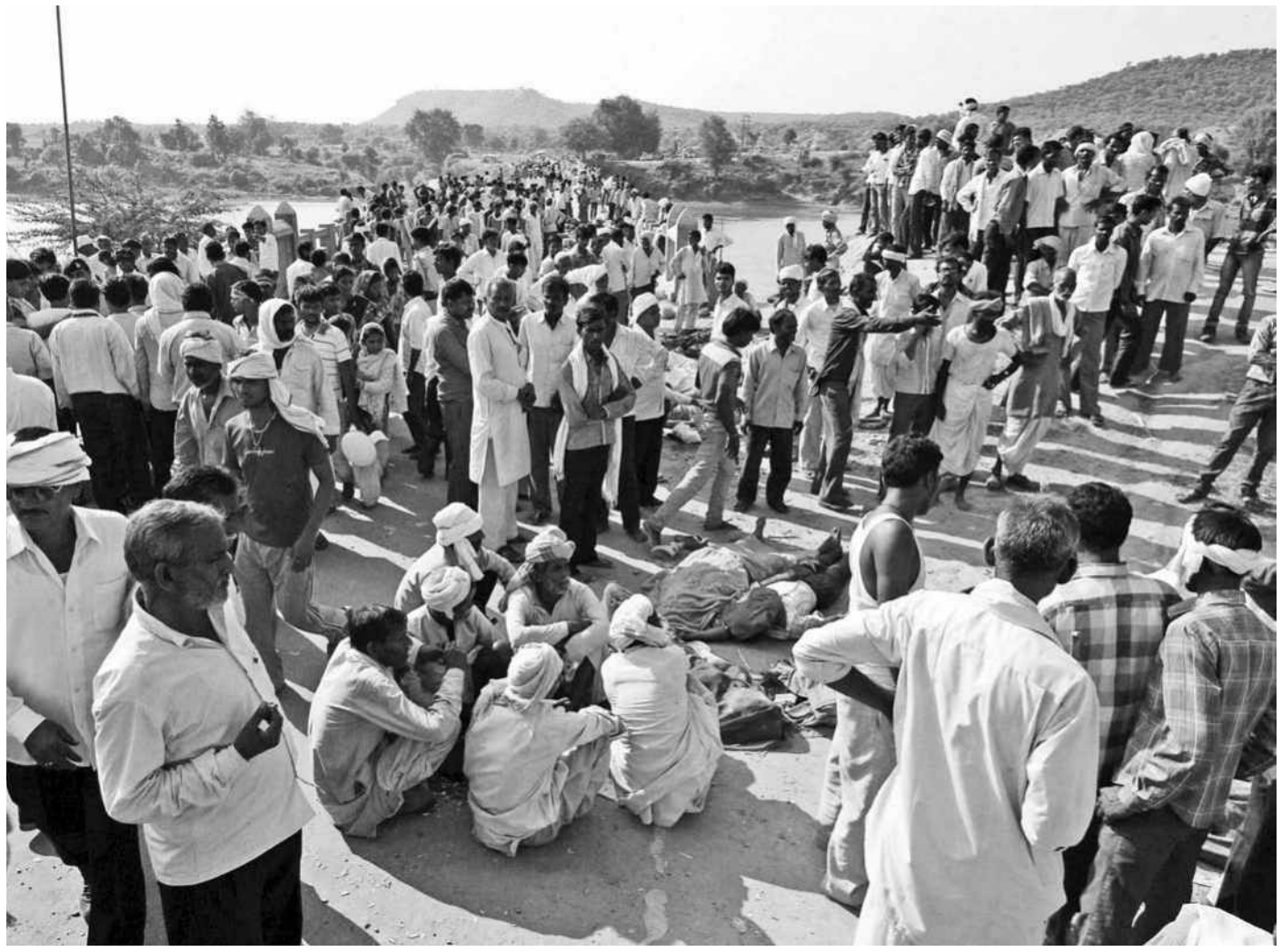
NEW DELHI (AP)—Pilgrims visiting a temple for a popular Hindu festival in India stampeded on fears a bridge would collapse, and at least 109 people were crushed to death or died in the river below, officials said Monday. Scores more were injured, and some bodies may have washed away.

Relatives crowded a state-run hospital to take the bodies after the autopsies and searched frantically for loved ones among the injured people being treated there. Volunteers and residents pulled many bodies out of the Sindh River, where people had jumped when the chaos started Sunday.

Hundreds of thousands of devotees had thronged the remote Ratangarh village temple in Madhya Pradesh state's Datia district to honor the Hindu mother goddess Durga on the last day of the popular 10-day Navaratra festival.

Sunday's stampede was the second at Ratangarh. Around 50 people died in a stampede in 2006, and a two-lane, concrete bridge was built to replace a wooden one.

It was not immediately clear how many people were on the bridge when the stampede occurred, but local media said some 500,000 people visited the temple and some were headed home when the rumors began.



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Indian villagers gather after a deadly stampede on a bridge across the Sindh River in Datia district in Madhya Pradesh state, India, Sunday.

Police wielding sticks had charged the crowd to contain the rush and people retaliated by throwing stones at the officers, D.K. Arya, deputy inspector general of police, said. One officer was badly injured.

The crush of the stampede killed mostly women and children. Many bodies were pulled from the river, but there were fears that some bodies may have been washed away.

The district medical officer R.S. Gupta said that autopsies had been carried out on 109 bodies by late Sunday.

The state has ordered a judicial inquiry. Engineers say the bridge was not damaged, and images from the scene showed vehicles and people using the bridge after the stampede occurred.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh expressed "deep sorrow and shock over the loss of lives" and asked local officials to help the injured and the families of the dead.

"On this day of festivities, our hearts and prayers are with the victims and their families," the prime minister's office said in a statement.

Deadly stampedes are relatively common at temples in India, where large crowds gather in tiny areas with no safety measures or crowd control.

More than 100 people were killed in a stampede at the hilltop Sabarimala shrine in the state of Kerala in southern India in 2011.

In 2008, around 250 Hindu pilgrims died in a stampede at the Chamunda Devi temple located in the scenic Mehrangarh Fort in Jodhpur in northwest India.

ASIA BRIEFS

Malaysia court rules non-Muslims can't use 'Allah'

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—A Malaysian appeals court has upheld a government ban against using "Allah" to refer to God in non-Muslim faiths. "Allah" is the Arabic word for God and is commonly used in the Malay language to refer to God. But the Malaysian government insists that "Allah" should be exclusively reserved for Muslims because of concerns it would confuse Muslims and could be used to convert them. Conservative Malaysian Muslim groups hailed Monday's verdict as necessary to safeguard the sanctity of Islam. However, Roman Catholic church representatives said it violated the religious rights of minorities in a country where authorities have been accused of unfairly championing Islamic causes for political gain.

China pledges to close 2,000 mines by end of 2015

BEIJING (AP)—China has pledged to shut down at least 2,000 small coal mines by the end of 2015 as it tries to improve safety standards in its deadly industry. Mines targeted will be those with an annual output of less than 90,000 tons that fail to adhere to safety rules, and those based on substandard coal resources that are prone to accidents, the State Council, China's Cabinet, said in a statement Saturday. Approval will also end for new coal mines with an annual capacity of less than 300,000 tons.

Thailand finds 13 dead suspected Myanmar migrants

BANGKOK (AP)—Thai police said Sunday that the bodies of 13 people believed to be migrants from Myanmar seeking work have been found off southern Thailand's Andaman Sea coast. Lt. Col. Nirat Chuayjit said that marine police in Ranong province, 580 kilometers (360 miles) south of Bangkok, had recovered the bodies of 12 men and one woman, whom they believe were on a boat that broke up in bad weather Wednesday as they sought to travel illegally to Thailand. Nirat said it was unknown how many people from the boat might be missing or survived, but that such boats normally carry about 30 people.

Philippines spots new typhoon after deadly storm

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A typhoon blew out of the northern Philippines on Sunday after leaving 13 people dead, but officials remained on alert after another storm was spotted in the Pacific.

Typhoon Nari also flooded farmlands and destroyed thousands of houses in provinces north of Manila before blowing away into the South China Sea. Chinese authorities said about 27,000 fishing boats had been called back to port on Sunday, and heavy rains associated with the storm were expected to hit parts of southern China on Monday.

In San Miguel town in the Philippines' Bulacan province, the sun shone on villages where floodwaters that reached up to roof-level had receded, allowing residents to return from emergency shelters to clean up, wash muddied belongings and repair damaged houses.

AP

A Filipino uses a chainsaw to cut toppled trees after typhoon Nari hit San Miguel town, Bulacan province, northern Philippines on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013.

Eduardo del Rosario, who heads the government's disaster-response agency, said police officers, military personnel and local officials would remain on alert after forecasters spotted another typhoon, named Wipha, more than 1,300 kilometers (807 miles) east of the northern Philippines.

Government forecasters said the new typhoon would likely spare the country if it does not veer away from its current course.

Nari was the 19th of more than 20 storms expected to batter the Philippines this year.

Thousands bid farewell to Vietnamese war hero

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Hundreds of thousands of people flooded the streets of Vietnam's capital on Sunday to bid a final farewell to the legendary war hero who led the poor Southeast Asian nation to victory over the French and then the Americans.

"Long live Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap," people chanted, many in tears, as his flag-draped coffin passed by on a truck-drawn artillery carriage. The procession traveled along a 40-kilometer (25-mile) route from the national funeral house in downtown Hanoi to the airport. Crowds of people, both young and old, lined the route, in places 10 deep.

Giap, who died Oct. 4 at age 102, was revered in Vietnam only second to his mentor, former President Ho Chi Minh. Alongside the public outpouring of emotion, the government orchestrated an elaborate send-off for the general, seeking to use the moment to foster national unity at a time of discontent and economic malaise.

After the war, Giap was sidelined by the Communist Party, and toward the end of his life emerged as something of a critic, shielded from consequence because of his popularity. State-controlled media has been awash in eulogy for him since his death, but neglected to mention that chapter of his life.

"You, comrade, have made a great and excellent contribution to the revolutionary cause of our party and nation," Communist Party chief Nguyen Phu Trong said in a eulogy read out at the funeral house. "Your personality and your great contribution were strongly imprinted in the heart of the people." Following the funeral, Giap's body was flown to his home province of Quang Binh in central Vietnam, with hundreds of thousands of people lining the 70-kilometer (43-mile) route from the airport to his burial site.

World

43 dead, dozens missing after Mali boat sinking

Boat company representative Yaya Tikambo looks at a covered body of a victim fished from the Niger River after a passenger boat broke apart and sank Friday night, in the village of Bouri, Mali, Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013. AP

KOUBI, Mali (AP)—Mahmoudou Ibrahim combed the waters frantically for his family after they and hundreds of other passengers were catapulted into the Niger River when their boat capsized.

Amid the cries for help in the darkness of night, he listened in vain for the sound of their voices.

On Sunday morning, crews pulled the bloated bodies of three of his children from the river: 1-year-old Ahmadou, 3-year-old Salamata and 4-year-old Fatouma.

There is still no sign of his wife, Zeinabou, or their 5-year-old twin girls, who were last seen curled up on mats aboard the ship.

"The pain that I feel today is beyond excruciating," he said from the village cemetery where he buried the remains of his three children Sunday in the sandy dirt.

By nightfall, a total of 43 corpses had been recovered from the river since the accident Friday night, said Hamadoun Cisse, a local official in charge of tracking casualty figures.

Passengers on the capsized boat said they believed hundreds of people were on the overladen vessel when it sank Friday. But the ship's owner did not have a full list of who was on board, making it impossible to determine the actual number of people missing.

The boat was headed from the central port of Mopti to the northern desert city of Timbuktu, packed full of people traveling ahead of the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha this week. Many Malians choose to travel by river even though the journey takes several days and nights because it is easier than traversing the region's poor desert roads.

The accident took place near the village of Koubi, about four miles (seven kilometers) from Konna. Authorities said 210 survivors had been registered, leaving dozens missing.

The boat disaster comes as Mali has been gripped by more than a year of crisis, starting with a rebellion in early 2012 and a subsequent coup, followed by the seizure of the country's vast north by Tuareg separatists and Islamic extremists. The French army intervened in January, pushing the militants out of the cities, but violent attacks still take place.

Survivors of the Friday boat sinking described a chaotic scene, as scores of people awakened by the jolt of the boat's collapse tried to make their way to shore.

Niamoye Toure, a 22-year-old housekeeper, was bringing her infant son home to Timbuktu to meet his grandparents. After the boat sank, she tried to swim with one hand and hold her baby with the other.

Officials: Attacks across Iraq kill at least 42

BAGHDAD (AP)—A string of bombings Sunday across Iraq, many in Shiite-majority cities, killed at least 42 people and wounded dozens, officials said, a grim reminder of the government's failure to stem the uptick in violence that is feeding sectarian tensions in the country.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the latest attacks, but waves of bombings are frequently used by al-Qaida's Iraq branch.

The Sunni militant group and other Sunni extremists often targets Shiite civilians in an effort to undermine the Shiite-led government. Al-Qaida's extremist ideology considers Shiites heretics.

The deadliest of Sunday's attacks, many of which struck busy commercial areas, happened in the southern city of Hillah, 95 kilometers (60 miles) south of Baghdad. Back-to-back car bombings hit an outdoor market there, killing eight people and wounding 22, police said.

Two parked car bombs ripped through a commercial area in the city of Suwayrah, 40 kilometers (25 miles) south of Baghdad, killing five people and wounding 14. Two other car bombs exploded simultaneously in the city of Kut, 160 kilometers (100 miles) southeast of Baghdad, killing four and wounded 16, according to police.

In the nearby city of Samawah, 370 kilometers (230 miles) southeast of Baghdad, four people were killed and 13 wounded when two car bombs exploded. Two other car bombs killed three and wounded 13 in the city of Diwaniyah, 130 kilometers (80 miles) south of the capital.

Samarra was struck twice Sunday, a day after a car bombing in the Sunni-dominated city left 17 dead. The memory of the 2006 bombing of the city's al-Askari Shiite shrine still haunts many Iraqis because it set off years of retaliatory bloodshed between Sunni and Shiite extremists.

Two people were killed and 15 were wounded in the morning when a car bomb exploded near a group of mourners at a funeral for some of the previous day's dead. A suicide bomber struck a security checkpoint near the shrine in the Sunni-dominated city later in the day, killing four and wounding 10, said Mizhar Fleih, the deputy head of the municipal council there.

In other violence Sunday, police reported five people killed and 34 wounded in the southern city of Basra and the central towns of Mahmoudiyah and Madain.

Israel finds tunnel dug under Gaza-Israel border

JERUSALEM (AP)—The Israeli military said Sunday it discovered a concrete-lined tunnel dug from the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip into Israel, alleging militants planned to use it to attack or kidnap Israelis.

In response, the military froze the transfer of all construction materials to the Palestinian territory, the army said. A Hamas military spokesman in Gaza, Abu Obeida, was defiant over the tunnel discovery, saying on his official Twitter account that "thousands" more tunnels would be dug out.

Hamas, the Islamic militant group that has ruled Gaza for six years, has dug tunnels into Israel in the past. In 2006, a year before seizing power, Hamas-allied militants sneaked into Israel through one such tunnel, killed two Israeli soldiers and kidnapped a third, holding him hostage in Gaza for five years.

According to the Israeli military, the latest tunnel stretches 1.7 kilometers (a little more than one mile) and appears to have been recently dug and in use until its discovery last week.

"The tunnel is extremely advanced and well prepared" Brig. Gen. Mickey Edelstein, commander of Gaza Strip division, told reporters. "Massive amount of concrete and cement have been used to build this tunnel."

Military officials said it opened some 180 meters (600 feet) inside Israeli territory and had two exits in an open area. The exits were roughly one mile from an Israeli communal village, making Israeli civilians potential targets.

The military invited journalists into the tunnel, dug some 18 meters (60 feet) underground and roughly 1.8 meters (nearly six feet) high. Concrete walls and arches lined the tunnel and electrical cords could be seen along its walls. The military also showed empty food wrappers, work gloves and an axe-like digging tool it said it had found inside. One of the cookie wrappers was dated June 2013, indicating that workers had been inside in recent months.

The military said it was the third tunnel found along the Gaza border fence in the past year. It estimated that 500 tons of cement and concrete were used, and the structure took more than a year to build. It said the tunnel was detected during a routine patrol, and that Hamas blew up the Gaza side of the tunnel after figuring out that Israel had detected it.

Gunmen kidnap 7 Red Cross workers in Syria

BEIRUT (AP)—Gunmen abducted six Red Cross workers and a Syrian Red Crescent volunteer after stopping their convoy early Sunday in northwestern Syria, a spokesman said, in the latest high-profile kidnapping in the country's civil war.

Simon Schorno, a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Damascus, said the assailants snatched the seven aid workers from their convoy near the town of Saraqeb in Idlib province around 11:30 a.m. local time (0830 GMT) as the team was returning to Damascus. He declined to provide the nationalities of the six ICRC employees, and said it was not clear who was behind the attack

Syria's state news agency, quoting an anonymous official, said the gunmen opened fire on the ICRC team's four vehicles before seizing the Red Cross workers. The news agency blamed "terrorists," a term the government uses to refer to those opposed to President Bashar Assad.

Schorno said the team of seven had been in the field since Oct. 10 to assess the medical situation in the area and to look at how to provide medical aid. He said the part of northern Syria where they were seized "by definition is a difficult area to go in," and the team was traveling with armed guards.

Much of the countryside in Idlib province, as well as the rest of northern Syria, has fallen over the past year into the hands of rebels, many of them Islamic extremists, and kidnappings have become rife, particularly of aid workers and foreign journalists.

Press freedom advocate Reporters without Borders calls Syria "the most dangerous country in the world" for journalists, with 25 reporters killed and at least 33 imprisoned since the anti-Assad uprising began in March 2011.

The conflict also has taken a toll on the aid community. The ICRC said in August that 22 Syrian Red Crescent volunteers have been killed in the country since the conflict began. Some were deliberately targeted, while others killed in crossfire, the group said.

Syria's bloody conflict has killed more than 100,000 people, forced more than 2 million Syrians to flee the country and caused untold suffering—psychological, emotional and physical—across the nation.

Focus

AP

Zhang Zefang, 94, who sued her own children for not taking care of her, cries as she describes the miseries she has endured throughout her life, at Fusheng Village, east of Chongqing City, China, on March 19, 2013.

In aging China, old woman sues children for care

FUSHENG, China (AP)—The daughter-in-law smashes the cockroach under her foot and rolls open the rusted metal doors to the garage. Light spills onto a small figure huddled on a straw mattress in a dank room. A curious face peers out.

The face is the most infamous in this village tucked away in the lush green mountains of southwest China. It's the face of Kuang Shiying's 94-year-old mother-in-law—better known as the little old lady who sued her own children for not taking care of her.

The drama that is playing out inside this ramshackle house reflects a wider and increasingly urgent dilemma. The world's population is aging fast, due to longer life spans and lower birth rates, and there will soon be more old people than young for the first time in history. This demographic about-turn has left families and governments struggling to decide: Who is responsible for the care of the elderly?

A handful of countries, such as India, France and Ukraine, require adult children to financially support their parents, mandating what was once a cultural given. Similar laws are in place in 29 U.S. states, Puerto Rico and most of Canada, though they are little known and rarely enforced because government funds help support the old. In Singapore, parents can sue their adult children for an allowance; those who fail to comply can face six months in jail.

In China, where aid is scarce and family loyalty is a cornerstone of society, more than 1,000 parents have already sued their children for financial support over the last 15 years. But in December, the government went further, and amended its elder care law to require that children also support their parents emotionally. Children who don't visit their parents can be taken to court—by mom and dad.

The law pits the expectations of society against the complexities of family and puts courts in the position of regulating the relationship between parent and child.

Which then begs the question: How do you legislate love?

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Zhang Zefang hardly looks like the vindictive matriarch many assume she must be. A tiny woman with blotchy skin, she stares at visitors through half-blinded eyes.

Zhang is one of about 3,800 people who live in the village of Fusheng, where life seems frozen in a long-ago era. Mothers trudge up steep roads with babies in bamboo baskets strapped to their backs. Farmers balance poles across their shoulders to lug crops over hills and past orange groves. The pace is slow and the atmosphere placid.

But inside Kuang and Zhang's home, there is war.

Resentment hangs in the air, acrid and sharp like the stench from the urine-filled bucket next to Zhang's bed. The cluttered storage space she calls home is as loveless as it is lightless. This is the epicenter of a family feud that erupted amid accusations of lying, of ungratefulness, of abuse and neglect and broken promises.

Zhang wants you to know this: She never wanted to take her children to court. She never wanted any of this.

"I never thought about whether my kids would take care of me when I was old," she says. "I just focused on taking care of them."

Her eyes begin to water. Inside her room, there is no heat to ward off the damp chill, no window to the outside world. Zhang spends her days alone in the dark, accompanied only by the roaches, the mess and the memories of a life that started out tough and seems destined to end the same way.

She has all the time in the world to tell her side of the story. From the shadows, she begins to speak.

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It used to be in China that growing old meant earning the respect of the young, and the idea of filial piety, or honoring your parents, was instilled from birth. Parents cared for their children, and their children later cared for them. Neither side had a choice.

A Chinese proverb calls filial piety "the first among 100 virtues," and the ancient philosopher Confucius credited it as the bedrock of social harmony. Examples of family loyalty abound: A popular song urges grown children to visit their parents often. Communities celebrate Seniors' Day and hold "best children" contests, complete with cash prizes. One county even made filial piety a condition for the promotion of local officials.

Generations of Chinese read the classic morality guide, "The Twenty-Four Filial Exemplars," where sons strangle tigers, let mosquitoes feast on their blood and proudly scrub bedpans for the sake of their parents. (A modern, somewhat more practical version of the guide advises children to call their parents regularly and spend holidays with them.)

As a 2008 bulletin from the U.S. aging advocacy group AARP put it: "For thousands of years, filial piety was China's Medicare, Social Security and long-term care, all woven into a single family virtue."

This is the world Zhang was born into, on Aug. 15, 1919.

She was of little use to a family of poor farmers, so her parents married her off at 14. Her husband died of dysentery, and she found herself a widow with two little girls and her husband's mother to support.

But her mother-in-law set her free. You don't have to take care of me, she told Zhang.

Zhang quickly remarried. Her new husband, a furniture maker, was too poor to support her, so they moved in with his parents.

Her new in-laws expected her to look after them. And that's when her nightmare truly began.

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"She's not making sense!" Kuang snaps.

Zhang, the target of Kuang's ire, is hunched on her bed, mouth set in a grim line. She barely acknowledges her daughter-in-law's insult. In fact, she barely acknowledges her at all.

Both women are fighting for their audience, though Kuang's ear-splitting staccato often drowns out Zhang's hushed monotone. Kuang hovers over her mother-in-law, interjecting constant critiques: Zhang is messing up the story, Zhang cannot remember a detail, even if she is in the midst of delivering it.

At the moment, they are arguing about Zhang's age when her first husband died. Zhang is struggling ... Was she 24? Or was it 21?

"Don't make up nonsense!" a frustrated Kuang says, voice rising. "It was 22! IT WAS 22!"

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Zhang is crying. It's hard to tell if the tears are linked to the miseries of her past or her present.

Her father-in-law, she says, was a gambling addict with a violent temper. Still, she never considered leaving—that would have made her a social outcast.

Kuang, in a rare moment of agreement, jumps in: "That's just the way it was at the time."

Zhang's growing brood survived mainly on a thin broth of boiled corn stalks. Yet when her hated father-in-law died in 1959, she had to give her food to the guests at his funeral.

Three decades later, her husband died, leaving her to the mercy of her offspring.

But the world had changed, and the bickering and bartering soon began. Once again, her very existence seemed to inconvenience everyone.

Zhang murmurs that she wants to say something, but is afraid to talk in front of her daughter-in-law. A reluctant Kuang steps outside and Zhang pleads: "Don't let her know that I told you this..."

Her family locks her in this room all day. She dares not scream for help for fear she will be beaten.

She pinches her cheek hard, slaps a visitor's arm. That's what they do to me, she says.

Her bones ache. Her feet ache. She hasn't moved her bowels in at least 10 days. The stench from the toilet bucket sickens her. Her children force her to drag it outside to empty it, but she is too weak and it is too heavy.

When her lawsuit hit the local news, she says, a furious Kuang asked her: "Why don't you go hang yourself?"

All she wants is to go to a nursing home, she says. But the few nursing homes in China supply only 22 beds for every 1,000 seniors, and most are too expensive for the average family.

Zhang has no money. She says her children took it all.

She is weeping now, pressing a filthy rag to her eyes.

"I'm too old to go through this."

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The village this family calls home lies within the district of Changshou, which means "long life." But living long has transformed from a dream achieved by few into a nightmare endured by many.

China is projected to have 636 million people over age 50—nearly 49 percent of the population—by 2050, up from 25 percent of the population in 2010, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. So who will care for them?

Across the world, rapidly increasing life spans have left many adults scrambling to look after their parents, their children and themselves. And in China, one-child urban policies over three decades mean there are even fewer working youngsters to support their elders.

Meanwhile, social and economic changes have chipped away at traditional family values. A lack of jobs means rural youth must leave their parents to find work in distant cities. And even children who can afford nursing homes fear sending their parents away will mark them as "unfilial," says sociologist Jenny Zhan, who has studied the impact of China's changing demographics on family relations.

The result is an emotional and generational tug-of-war.

Kuang stands in the kitchen, frustration etched into every line of her face. She knows what Zhang has been saying about her. And it's all, she says, a lie.

Kuang has become the true matriarch of this clan. Ask to speak to her husband, and she'll insist he won't know what to say. She knows best, so just ask her. It's not an offer—it's an order.

But it is also Kuang who looks after her mother-in-law, because in China, as in many other places, women shoulder most of the responsibility of elder care.

Kuang lives upstairs: She says her frail mother-in-law lives on the grim ground floor because she can't climb the steep steps. Up here, the tiled floors shine, and the bathroom has a tradi-

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tional squat toilet. While it's hardly a palace, at least it's not the garage.

Still, her mother-in-law is no victim, Kuang says. If anyone is suffering, it is everyone in the family who has thanklessly cared for Zhang decade after decade, even as they grow older and more desperate themselves.

"I'm doing all the laundry! I'm making the bed for her!" she says, exasperated.

When Zhang claims the lawsuit was her sons' idea, her daughter-in-law explodes.

"She doesn't know the whole story!" Kuang barks. "Let me tell you what really happened..."

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China is going grey faster than it is growing rich, and state support for the elderly is not keeping pace.

Even in cities, where pensions are comparatively generous, elders say it's a game of dominoes; if one family member falls, they all do.

In rural areas, it's even worse. A new pension scheme for rural seniors does not cover everyone, and monthly payments are meager.

Health care is also inadequate, and a serious illness can bankrupt a family. Although a recent expansion of the medical system now covers most Chinese, reimbursement rates remain low and out-of-pocket costs high. Many rural families cannot afford the hospitals' huge up-front deposits.

Where the government falls short, the kids are left to solve the problems—except that they often can't, and sometimes won't.

Zhang's children have all come up with reasons why they cannot take care of her.

There's the oldest son, Zhou Mingde, who lives about a mile (1.5 kilometers) away from his mother. His pension is $13 a month, so he depends on the $30 each of his three daughters gives him on his birthday and during Chinese New Year. He sells one pig a year to buy medicine for his paraplegic wife. He is still farming corn and millet because he cannot afford to stop.

"I have to take care of my old mother. My wife. Myself," he says. "I am 71 years old already."

Then there's the middle son—the black sheep of the family—Zhou Yinxi. His daughter has schizophrenia, and his wife committed suicide. His current girlfriend once promised the family they would care for Zhang, but it never happened. Yinxi's argument: they're not married, so they're not obligated. Besides, at 68, he is broke and won't receive his pension for two years. "I'm also pretty helpless," he says.

Next up is the youngest, Zhou Gangming, 56, and his wife, Kuang, 58. Their only income will come from selling their two pigs and one cow, and their $16 monthly pension.

Gangming and his mother lived together until, in her eyes, Kuang came along and snatched away her beloved youngest son. Her oldest son confides that in the days when his mother was younger, stronger and meaner, she even beat Kuang.

Gangming says they are now too poor and exhausted to look after Zhang alone, but he knows they shouldn't abandon her.

"She's my mom," he says. "I have to care for her."

Finally, there is the distant daughter, 54-year-old Zhou Yunhua. By all accounts, she would like to care for her mother, but told her siblings she lives too far away.

In the end, the children asked their mother, "What should we do?"

She countered: "If none of you want to take care of me, what should I do?"

No one had an answer. So they went searching for one at the village court.

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In December, after persistent reports of abuse, China amended its elder care law to require that adult children regularly visit and emotionally support their parents. The amendment, which took effect in July, also requires employers to give workers time off to visit their parents, though even proponents say that may be hard to enforce.

As the court officials explained the options to Zhang, she sat silently.

Finally, they offered a solution: Zhang could sue her children. Then the court could force them all to care for her equally.

She didn't even know what "sue" meant. But what other choice did she have?

Suddenly, everyone in the village knew her story and authorities began examining her claims of abuse. A village official, Zhang (no relation), says they aren't sure who to believe. In any event, she says, the children are "probably not beating her now."

The locals mostly consider the children neglectful and are shocked they aired their private battle in court, says Zhang, who only gave her last name, as is customary among Chinese government workers.

"Not being filial," she says, "is certainly not right."

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The settlement was swift: The court ordered Mingde, Gangming and their sister to take care of their mother for four months of the year, and Yinxi to pay her $10 per month. The children must split Zhang's medical bills.

So far, Yinxi has paid nothing.

It is lunch time in Kuang's garage. She hands her mother-in-law a tin cup of noodles. Zhang silently shovels the food into her mouth, saying nothing as Kuang leaves.

"I won't get any appreciation for taking care of her," an exhausted Kuang says. "I also can't abandon her."

Kuang wants to move in with her own daughter in Hong Kong. But she can't.

"I've got to finish taking care of her," Kuang says. "Then I can think about moving to other places."

The meaning behind her words is clear: Her life will begin when her mother-in-law's ends.

She worries about her own future. But she believes her children will be there for her.

"I tell my children, `If you can take care of me like I have taken care of your grandmother, then that is enough.'"

She is, she says, setting the example.

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EPILOGUE: Zhang Zefang now lives temporarily with her eldest son, Mingde, as the court ordered.

Her new home is crowded with clutter and complaints. Mingde frets about the cost of medical care. A frustrated Yinxi cries. Zhang clutches her walking stick and stares vacantly as she talks.

"I just wish I could die."

AP

Zhou Mingde, right, and Zhou Yinxi, sons of Zhang Zefang, a 94-year-old woman who sued her own children for not taking care of her, speak in Fusheng Village, east of Chongqing City, China on March 19, 2013. Both sons argue they are too old and too poor to care for their mother and are struggling to care for themselves.

In Loving Memory of

†Maxima Dela Cruz Pangelinan

Lovingly known as ***"Nang Mung"***
Born to life on August 17, 1929 and was called
to her eternal rest on October 11, 2013

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:
Parents: †Pedro Cepeda/Rufina Villagomez Duenas Dela Cruz
Parents In-Laws: †Jose Reyes Pangelinan/Maria Reyes Pangelinan
Children/Grandchildren:
†Pedro Dela Cruz Pangelinan (Ruth Margaret I. Pangelinan/Emery Joseph I. Pangelinan)
†Agnes Pangelinan Deleon Guerrero (Kalani P. Deleon Guerrero)
†Norbert Dela Cruz Pangelinan
†Carla Mae Pangelinan Benavente

Brothers/Sister/In-Laws:
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David Sablan
†**Pedro DLC.** & Judith I. Pangelinan, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
Henry DLC & Matilde L. Pangelinan, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
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Martin DLC. & Frances DLR. Pangelinan, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
Rufina DLC. Pangelinan & Francisco Ada, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
Oscar DLC. & Franny B. Pangelinan, Children and Grandchildren
Rebecca P. & John T. Santos, Children and Grandchildren
Brenda DLC Pangelinan & Peter Trinidad, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
Hilarion (Leeroy) DLC & Vera T. Pangelinan, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
Janel Remy DLC. Pangelinan

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Maria P. & John Ligmaw, Children/spouses and Grandchildren

Sister/Brother in-law: Ana D. Cruz & Juan C. Arriola

Sisters/Brother In-Law:
Victoria P. Concepcion
Emilia P. Palacios
Carmen P. & Joey Dela Cerna
Maria Rios Dela Cruz

She will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mass is being offered nightly at 6:00PM at St. Jude Church in Koblerville followed by the Holy Rosary.

On Saturday, October 19, 2013 our beloved's remains will be escorted at 7:00AM from CHC to San Antonio Church for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00AM followed by Interment Services at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Please Join Us In Prayers
Thank You – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Hilarion Reyes Pangelinan, Children and Family

Overdrive

Mercedes-Benz S550 is a triumph of technology

By DAVID UNDERCOFFLER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The days when luxury in a car meant shiny chrome on the outside and dead trees and cows on the inside have long faded. This is 2013, when even high-tech can fail to impress: Cut-rate hatchbacks have navigation systems, and the average Ford can park itself.

So when Mercedes-Benz set out to develop the latest S-Class—the pinnacle of indulgence for a brand that owns it—the automaker knew the ordinary wouldn't do.

This full-size sedan starts at $93,825 and is often the top seller in the blue-blooded class that includes the BMW 7 Series, Audi A8, Porsche Panamera and—if we're being generous—the Lexus LS.

Mercedes is keen to keep this sales crown, despite introducing new generations of the S-Class only every eight or nine years. So for 2014, the automaker turned the S550 sedan into a rolling buffet of comfort and safety features that may seem like wizardry now but will be commonplace on lesser vehicles in the future.

What distinguishes the S550 is how seamlessly it integrates such functions. With the S-Class attracting mainly older buyers loyal to its tradition, Mercedes didn't want to scare off the faithful. Fortunately, in the S550, the plutocrats and the technocrats can finally share a ride. And oh, what a ride it will be.

Consider Magic Body Control, a $4,450 option. This system scans the road with a stereoscopic camera mounted on the windshield. When it detects bumps in the car's path, the S-Class prepares the air suspension accordingly.

And it's not as though the car even needs it. The ride on our $112,265 test car without Magic Body Control—adaptive air suspension is standard—was already one of the more serene and balanced in existence.

This latest model surrounds itself with 360 degrees of radar coverage, scanning for threats on the road. It can recognize a pedestrian, a bicyclist or another car and determine its direction and how the car should best react.

The safety features spring into action even if the car isn't moving. If the S-Class senses an impending rear-end collision, it will lock the brakes, tighten the seat belt, close the windows and inflate the bolsters on the side of each seat.

Our test car came with a $2,800 driver's assistance package, which includes radar-cruise control, active lane-keeping assist, steering assist, blind-spot monitoring and cross-traffic assist. Together they add up to a car that can drive and steer itself in certain conditions on the freeway, especially heavy traffic.

The S-Class remains adept at non-autonomous driving, though. Power comes from a sweet twin-turbocharged V-8 engine that's largely the same as the previous S-Class. Its 4.6 liters make 455 horsepower and 516 pound-feet of torque.

This motor hooks up to a seven-speed automatic transmission that pushes power to the rear wheels, or all four if you opt for all-wheel drive. Fuel economy is rated at 17 mpg in the city and 25 on the highway. Over 200 miles of mostly city driving, we averaged about 14 mpg.

Despite a prodigious 4,729-pound curb weight, Mercedes says both versions of the S550 will do the zero-to-60-mph run in 4.8 seconds. Not so many years ago, such a time would have brought a tear to a Porsche engineer's eye.

This car steps firmly into the digital age with the banishment of any analog gauges. The driver sees a pair of 12.3-inch screens; one for the instrument panel and one for the rest of the car's navigation, climate control and stereo functions.

The S-Class is also the first car in the world built without a single light bulb. Instead, nearly 500 LEDs are used throughout the car.

Elsewhere in the cabin, the passengers are coddled in an expanse of lush wood curving around them. They breathe air that's been ionized and perfumed by one of four scents, if desired. Any car can heat its seats, so the S-Class heats the armrests throughout the cabin too. The massaging seats, all four of them, now feature a hot-stone setting.

Space, of course, is plentiful. The car's footprint and dimensions are largely unchanged from the previous generation. The S550's body is sleek and curvaceous in an understated sort of way. Yet it has the proportions that tell the guy in the next lane that a single door costs—and weighs—more than his car.

NUTS & BOLTS

2014 Mercedes S550:

- **Vehicle type:** Four-door full-size luxury sedan
- **Los Angeles Times' take:** A special car for people used to feeling that way
- **Highs:** Groundbreaking safety, epic interior, smooth engine
- **Lows:** Still drives like a boat; exterior is generic
- **Powertrain:** 4.6-liter twin-turbocharged V-8 engine, rear-wheel drive
- **Transmission:** Seven-speed automatic transmission
- **Horsepower:** 455
- **Torque:** 516 pound-feet
- Zero to 60 mph: 4.8 seconds, according to Mercedes-Benz
- **EPA fuel economy rating:** 17 city, 25 highway
- **Base price:** $93,825
- **Price as tested:** $112,265

Prices include destination charge.

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The 2014 Mercedes-Benz S550 includes advanced safety features, such as 360 degrees of radar coverage to scan for potential threats.

In Celebration of His New Life
Jesus Igisomar Wabol
January 6, 1958 - October 10, 2013
In his new life, he now joins his :
Mother: †Carmen Igisomar Wabol
Father: †Jesus Taisakan Wabol
Son: † Jonathan K. Wabol
Grandparents: †Antonio Sogoligarag Igisomar
†Stela Lisua Igisomar
†Froilan Maligar Wabol
†Mariana Satur Taisakan
His loving memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Wife: Perpetua Kintoki Wabol
Common-Law: Vivian Tenorio Sablan
Children: Roland & Jessica Ledwina W. Igisomar (LeiLei, Laila, Jaelene),
Jesus Jonathan K. Wabol & Antoinette Kaipat (Yalina, Wallis, Aurora)
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Estella W. Kaipat/William
Mariana W. Olopai/Jose
Elaine I. Wabol/Joseph
Frances W. Somorang/Gilbert
Julie I. Wabol/Alex
Nightly rosary is being said at 7:30pm at the family residence in Fina Sisu.
On Thursday, October 17, 2013, the remains of our beloved Jesus will be escorted from CHC morgue at 3:00pm to the family residence in Fina Sisu followed by responso. Rosary will be prayed at 7:30pm.
On Friday, October 18, 2013, his body will leave the family residence at 7:30am and will be escorted to Kristo Rai Church. Public viewing will be from 8:00am to 9:30am, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am. Interment will follow at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.
Thank You, Si Yu'us Maase and God Bless From the Family

Life & Style

Director secretly shoots feature at Disney parks

LOS ANGELES (AP)—As a kid, Randy Moore was haunted by Disney World, where he made an annual trip during summers with his dad. So as an adult, and a filmmaker, Moore wanted to capture and question the allure of such manufactured-fantasy.

The result is "Escape From Tomorrow," which was shot guerrilla-style at Disneyland and Disney World without permission from the famously proprietary Walt Disney Co., and which has actually made it to the screen.

"I was pretty confident that Disney wasn't about to go out of their way and give me permission," Moore said, "so I didn't ask them for it."

The writer-director insists there was no other way to tell his story of a frustrated family man who begins losing his grip on reality during a trip to Disney World. So Moore and his crew bought season passes to Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., and Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and used hand-held digital cameras to shoot scenes and tiny digital audio recorders to capture sound.

They repeatedly rode It's a Small World and other trademark Disney attractions to film from various perspectives—just like any other theatrical feature.

"Escape From Tomorrow," available on video-on-demand and in select theaters Friday, first premiered at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year.

The black-and-white indie film quickly built a buzz based on its surreptitious shooting style and dark take on Disney, including the movie's poster with what looks to be Mickey Mouse's oversized hand covered in blood. The film also picked up its share of skepticism that it would ever be released.

Representatives from Disney, which has a history of aggressively protecting its image, brands and intellectual property, did not respond to requests for comment for this story. The company also hasn't spoken to Moore or the film's distributor.

Moore

"We've had no contact with Disney at all whatsoever," Moore said. But if anyone from the Mouse House, as it is known in the industry, did contact him, he wouldn't be afraid.

"I would ask them if they liked it or what they thought about it," he said.

The director was afraid, however, during the crew's secret filming outings at Disneyland and Disney World, but not because they were filming illegally.

"What I was worried about was letting down my cast and crew, who had come on this ride with me," he said. "As a first-time director, I think the hardest thing is getting everyone to see your vision and believe in it and want to help you to achieve that."

He never intended to make a guerrilla film, he said: "The style of the film came from the story, and ... there was no other way we could make it. I hope to God the next thing I do doesn't require this same style. It's traumatizing."

Yet for Moore, again, it's not about copyright violations and the wrath of Disney, but rather the time limits inherent in such shooting.

"We believe that the film fell under the fair-use doctrine as a parody of an idyllic day at Disney World. Branding is so much a part of our culture, and it's everywhere. And (Disney) is everywhere. They're so ubiquitous, you can't get away from them even if you tried... To not be able to comment or critique or parody that (ubiquity), I just think it's morally unacceptable."

'Gravity' eclipses 'Phillips' at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Gravity" won't be held down.

The Warner Bros. astronaut adventure directed by Alfonso Cuaron and starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney landed in the top spot at the box office for the second weekend in a row, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"Gravity" earned $44.3 million, raising its domestic total to $123.4 million.

"They say what goes up must come down, but that's not really true with 'Gravity,'" said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box office tracker Rentrak. "To have opened as big as it did last week and only drop 21 percent, that's really an amazing hold. It's a direct testament to the word of mouth on the movie."

"Gravity" also fared well overseas, making $28 million in 38 territories such as Russia, Australia, Germany and Spain.

1. **"Gravity,"** $44.3 million ($28 million international).
2. **"Captain Phillips,"** $26 million.
3. **"Cloudy with a Chance Of Meatballs 2,"** $14.2 million ($9.1 million international).
4. **"Machete Kills,"** $3.8 million ($575,000 international).
5. **"Runner Runner,"** $3.7 million ($5.3 million international).
6. **"Prisoners,"** $3.7 million ($7.4 million international).
7. **"Insidious: Chapter 2,"** $2.6 million ($7.1 million international).
8. **"Rush,"** $2.4 million ($6 million international).
9. **"Don Jon,"** $2.3 million.
10. **"Baggage Claim,"** $2 million.

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Sony's "Captain Phillips" launched in second place with a respectable $26 million. The high seas drama directed by Paul Greengrass stars Tom Hanks as a cargo ship captain who is held captive by Somali pirates.

"We think the success of 'Gravity' will also bode well for 'Captain Phillips,'" said Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony Pictures. "This is the extraordinary kind of film that we think audiences will flock to over the next several months moving forward."

The animated Sony movie "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" gobbled up third place in its third weekend with $14.2 million, bringing its domestic haul to $78 million.

The weekend's only other new release, "Machete Kills," opened in fourth place with $3.8 million. The gun-toting sequel from director Robert Rodriguez and starring Danny Trejo and Michelle Rodriguez is the follow-up to "Machete," which earned $11.4 million when it opened in 2010.

AP

Contestants pose during the Miss Venezuela beauty pageant in Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013. From left, Miss Amazonas Debora Menicucci, Miss Anzoategui Daniela Briceno, Miss Apure Rogegsy Rivas, Miss Aragua Stephani de Zorsi, Miss Barinas Yaro Serpa, Miss Bolivar Fiorella Di Sabatino, Miss Carabobo Mariella Agriesti.

Venezuelan beauty contest bridges political divide

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuelans have trouble agreeing on anything these days, whether it's who really won the election to replace Hugo Chavez or who to blame for this South American nation's mounting economic woes.

But for a few gala-filled hours, they put all that aside to embrace a shared national obsession: beauty. In what is traditionally the country's most-watched television event, millions tuned in Thursday night to watch as 18-year-old Migbelis Castellanos was crowned Miss Venezuela.

The 5-foot-7-inch, green-eyed blonde is a political science and communications college student from the state of Zulia. The youngest of 26 finalists competing for the crown, she'll represent Venezuela at next year's Miss Universe pageant.

Even as regular Venezuelans struggle to contend with galloping inflation, shortages of basic goods such as toilet paper and strict currency controls, the beauty contest, now in its 61st edition, is experiencing something of a rebirth.

After four years of reduced budgets and smaller venues, the pageant returned this year to Caracas' main indoor arena, the Poliedro, with a capacity of 15,000. Interest was also piqued by a new reality show beamed across Latin America, called "Miss Venezuela: Everything for the Crown," which followed the finalists as they learned to walk, talk and smile their way to glory.

Venezuela has won more major international beauty competitions than any other nation, including six Miss Universe titles, and beauty pageants rank alongside baseball as the country's most-followed diversion, one that transcends social class. A whole industry of grooming schools, plastic surgeons and beauty salons has emerged to prepare young women for the thousands of pageants that take place each year around the country in schools, army barracks and even prisons.

"It doesn't matter if you're Chavista or a government opponent, this is one sin we all share," Jose Luiz Martinez, a 21-year-old college student, said yesterday in downtown Caracas.

As if to prove that point, Maria Eugenia Enriquez, wearing a red shirt stamped with the piercing gaze of the late Chavez, said she never misses the festivities.

"I'm a revolutionary but I like to watch the show with my entire family," said Enriquez.

"Miss Venezuela is as much ours as the arepa," she said, referring to the corn cake that's an emblematic part of the country's diet.

Last night's show was expected to draw more than two-thirds of the television audience, according to Venevision, the network responsible for organizing and broadcasting the pageant.

Duchovny and Anderson say they want more 'X-Files'

NEW YORK (AP)—After 20 years, it's possible for the details of a relationship to get fuzzy.

Just ask David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson, who first premiered their roles as FBI agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully on "The X-Files" two decades ago. The series aired nine seasons and resulted in two feature films.

While the two were unsure where they left their relationship in the show and films, the 53-year-old Duchovny and 45-year-old Anderson both said they're open to making a third "X-Files" movie.

The actors got together Saturday to mark the 20th Anniversary of the series' premiere. They participated in a panel discussion for fans at The Paley Center for Media in New York.

When asked where their characters left off, the two weren't completely clear on the specifics.

"Well they (Mulder and Scully) were married the last movie," Duchovny said, referring to 2008's "The X-Files: I Want to Believe."

"Were we actually married?" Anderson asked.

AP

Actors Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny attend "The Truth Is Here: David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson on The X-Files" at The Paley Center for Media on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013 in New York.

"I believe so. That was my impression," he responded.

Their characters did become romantically involved in the TV series and were a couple during the 2008 movie. However, it was not clear whether they were married.

The both are clear, however, about their interest in another "X-Files" film.

"All the principals are on board," including "X-Files" creator Chris Carter, Duchovny said. "Gillian and I want to do it, so it's really up to Twentieth Century Fox at this point."

Anderson said if fans want another film they should let their voices be heard.

"If it takes fan encouragement to get Fox interested in that then I guess that's what it would be."

An email message sent to Twentieth Century Fox seeking comment on Saturday was not immediately returned.

For an indefinite future, Duchovny and Anderson spent a lot of time over the weekend promoting the franchise. They appeared at Comic-Con in New York and also took part in a "ask me anything" session on the website Reddit.

AP

In this Nov. 8, 2011 file photo, Lauren Conrad arrives at the launch party for the video game "The Elder Srolls V: Skyrim" in Los Angeles.

'The Hills' star Conrad announces engagement

LOS ANGELES (AP)—L.C. is getting married.

"The Hills" and "Laguna Beach" star Lauren "L.C." Conrad announced Sunday she's engaged to musician William Tell.

The 27-year-old reality TV star and fashion designer posted a photo of her engagement ring on her blog and wrote that she was "beyond thrilled."

Conrad's dating life was famously chronicled on the MTV reality series "Laguna Beach" and then its spin-off "The Hills."

After leaving "The Hills" in 2009, Conrad launched a series of young adult novels based on her life in Los Angeles.

Hugh Jackman raises $1.85M with birthday benefit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Hugh Jackman threw himself a birthday party with 4,500 guests, but they had to pay to attend.

The actor spent his 45th birthday Saturday at Hollywood's Dolby Theatre, where he sang, danced and told stories for "One Night Only," a benefit concert that raised $1.85 million for the Motion Picture & Television Fund.

"This is probably the most narcissistic way to spend your birthday," he said after the show. "I chose my favorite songs and told stories about my life."

Backed by a 17-member orchestra, Jackman performed a variation of his recent Broadway show, with personal stories, a few film clips and selections from classic Hollywood musicals—including a tap-dancing routine during "Singin' in the Rain." He talked about his family, sang a tribute to his wife and shared music and images of his native Australia.

"A lot of guys would say to their wife, `Do you mind if I go play golf with my buddies?' That's how I am about the show," he said. "I love it. If there's a song I don't like, I cut it and bring in a new song. Everything is something I want to do. So to be here tonight, supporting this cause—and it couldn't have been a more generous crowd if it tried—in every way it was great."

AP

In this Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013 photo, Hugh Jackman, left, and Deborra-Lee Furness pose for photos at the Hugh Jackman One Night Only at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

Jackman said he donated his birthday performance to the Motion Picture & Television Fund because it offers "that unconditional helping hand you get in a family." The organization provides health care and other services to entertainment-industry workers and retirees.

Cybill Shepherd, Bryan Singer, Darren Criss and songwriter Carole Bayer Sager were among the famous faces in the industry-heavy audience for the two-and-a-half-hour show, which ended with Jackman auctioning off an electric Fiat, a pair of Wolverine claws and two sweaty undershirts he wore during the night's performance. The shirts went for $11,000 each.

Actress Freida Pinto urges education for girls

Pinto

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Indian actress Freida Pinto urged the world on the International Day of the Girl Child to ensure that 66 million girls who are not in school today get an education.

The "Slumdog Millionaire" star told an event sponsored by the U.N. children's fund, UNICEF marking Friday's second annual observance of the international day that she had a chance to be educated and "I feel every girl in the world, in respect of where she comes from, what her social status is, needs to be given the same,"

UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake was presented with a "Girl Declaration" from thousands of people around the world at the event calling on world leaders to urgently address the plight of 250 million girls worldwide who currently live in poverty and face discrimination.

College teen should test her wings before settling down

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 19-year-old girl in my third semester of college. My boyfriend, "Tom," attends a community college nearby. Both of us live with our parents. I have had only three boyfriends in my life, and Tom was my high school sweetheart.

Tom just proposed. I immediately accepted, but now I'm second-guessing my decision. We're just starting our adult lives, and I'm still learning what that entails. I want to study abroad during college to enhance my experience of the world. Also, because neither of us has ever moved beyond our childhood homes, I think we should both have more exposure about the world beyond.

Everyone is supportive of us, including our parents. I will always be committed to Tom and I trust him completely, but I feel that by prematurely locking ourselves in, we're setting ourselves up for failure. Am I overreacting?

FLEDGLING FIANCEE IN LOUISIANA

DEAR FIANCEE: Not at all. The points you have made in your letter are well-reasoned. You ARE very young to be making a permanent commitment, and you're both entering a period of growth —and possible divergence in your level of life experience. Tom may have proposed because he was afraid if he didn't, he might lose you now that you're attending different schools.

Tell Tom you care for him deeply, but think you jumped the gun. Make it clear that you would like to keep seeing him, but on a nonexclusive basis until you return from your studies abroad. I agree that by prematurely locking yourselves in, the odds of the relationship not lasting are high. Be sure Tom understands that you aren't trying to end the relationship, only postponing the engagement.

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DEAR ABBY: I was always a laid-back and easygoing person. But I was in a terrible car accident, and ever since I have suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder. I have received counseling and function pretty well as long as I remain in a calm environment.

My problem is that my husband's family comes to visit each year for anywhere from four to eight days, and when they're here my stress level is very high. Their last three visits resulted in my getting migraine headaches, which I had never experienced before, as well as TMJ (pain in my jaw) and painful neuropathy, which the doctor explained was brought on by stress. It has lasted two months.

I like my in-laws, but I am unwilling to deal with more pain as a result of their visits. My husband doesn't want to send them to a hotel, which I understand. Therefore, I feel that since this is MY problem, I should move to a hotel during their visits. What do you think, Abby?

PUSHED TO THE LIMIT

DEAR PUSHED: Unless this is handled delicately—and by that I mean carefully explained to your husband's family—it could cause hurt feelings. Surely your in-laws are aware of your car accident. What they may not be aware of is the lingering damage it has caused. Your husband should explain this to his relatives and ask if they would mind staying elsewhere BECAUSE OF YOUR MEDICAL CONDITION.

If you can tolerate their "tumult" on a limited basis, this might solve the problem. If not, then I agree you should stay elsewhere so they can have a good time together. However, this should happen with full disclosure and preferably no hard feelings. If you can see any of them individually for a short time, you should make every effort so they won't feel you are avoiding them for any other reason.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

HERE'S ANOTHER AD WITH ATTITUDE.
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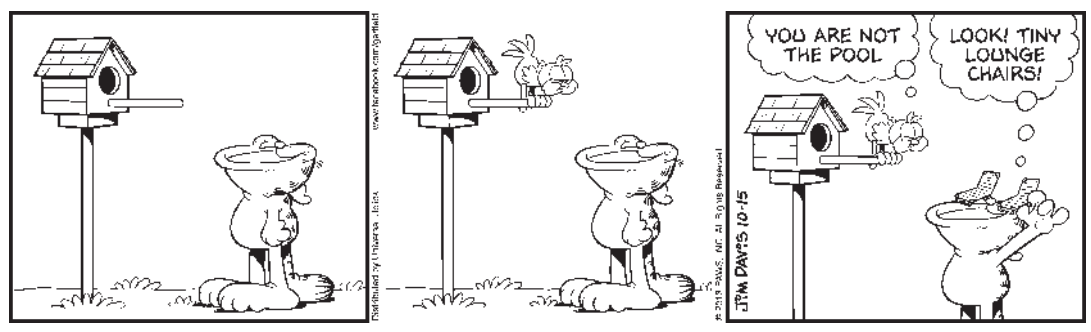


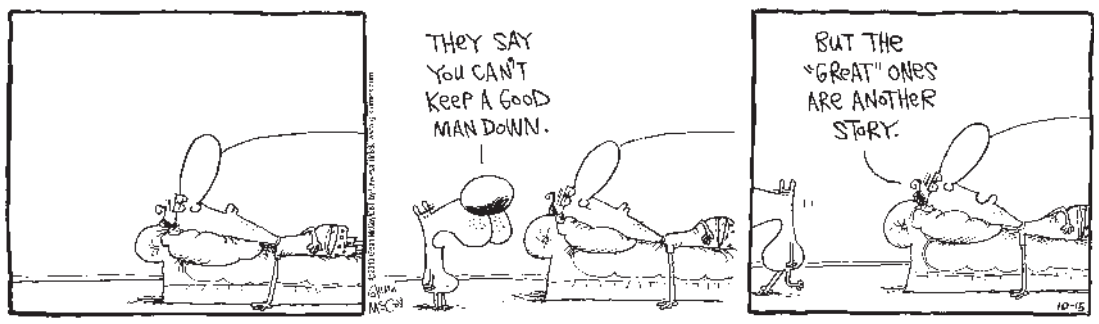
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

READY FOR ME IN MY GODZILLA SUIT?
SURE.
RARR!
I HAVE TO ADMIT, THAT'S PRETTY COOL.
RIGHT?
CAN YOU BREATHE IN THERE?
YES, BUT THE KING OF MONSTERS NEEDS A STRAW.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 "Oh, woe!"
5 Journal
8 Snare
12 Lummox
13 "Hail, Caesar!"
14 Staffer
15 State with certainty
16 Native American dried-meat concoction
18 Popular ethnic cuisine
20 Oak, once
21 Tasseled hat
22 To the — degree
23 Superman, the Man of —
26 "Leatherstocking Tales" figure
30 Lubricate
31 "Scram!"
32 Singer DiFranco
33 Louisiana bird
36 Wild
38 Marsh
39 ATM need
40 Diamond corners
43 Papal place
47 Cheese choice
49 Paste
50 New Zealander
51 As well
52 "A — home is ..."
53 Bear in the air
54 Small legume
55 Pismires

DOWN
1 Leading man?
2 Passion
3 "Roots" author Haley
4 Severe hardship
5 Bolivian city
6 Microwave
7 Jewel
8 Slo-mo meditative discipline
9 Puerto —
10 Hebrew month
11 Teller's partner
17 Trig, e.g.
19 Animation frame
22 "To be or — to be"
23 Soak (up)
24 Cravat
25 Right angle
26 60 sec.
27 Auto
28 Literary collection
29 Zero
31 Joke
34 Spain and Portugal
35 "— fan tutte"
36 Healthy
37 Poser
39 Bamboo eater
40 Capital of Azerbaijan
41 Eastern potentate (Var.)
42 Stitches
43 Barn-roof decoration
44 Family
45 Family member
46 Untouchable Eliot
48 Upper limit

Solution time: 21 mins.

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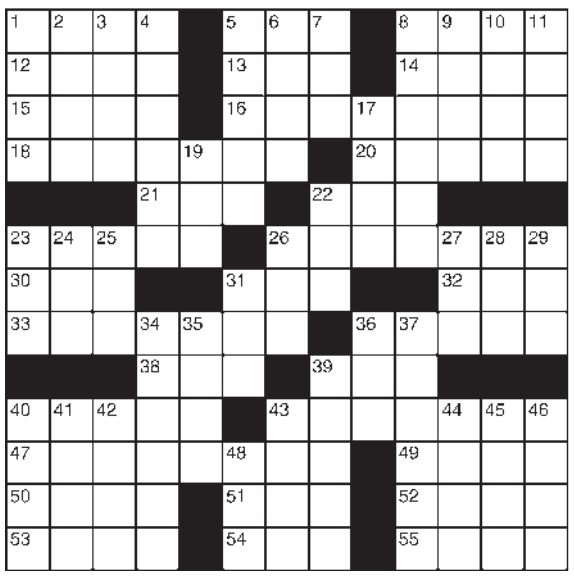
Yesterday's answer 10-15



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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Look inward and do your best to be mindful and aware of what others are going through. Decisions you make must be based not only on what's best for you, but also for those you work or live with. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't sit around waiting for something to happen. Network, set up meetings and mingle with people who share your interests or concerns. Express your ideas and you will discover a profitable venture. A partnership will be in your best interest. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't get involved with anyone who tends to meddle. Someone is likely to confuse you intentionally, causing an emotional setback. Taking one step at a time and following through with your plans secretively is in your best interest. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Explore different philosophies, cultures or interests. You can learn from the experiences you have and the people you meet along the way. Socializing will help you gain perspective on what's available to you and how you can achieve your goals. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Living in the past or taking a step backward is not the answer. You must face dilemmas head-on and do your best to rectify any persistent problems. A change of heart will lead you to a better destination. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You can successfully manipulate any situation you face by using a practical approach and having a logical plan in place. Don't let a personal relationship come between you and a clear and sound decision. Deception and emotional manipulation are apparent. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You can get ahead if you don't procrastinate when it comes to making an improvement regarding your surroundings or the people you are dealing with daily. New prospects for work or personal benefits are available. Get moving. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Get an early start and you will make personal and professional gains. Being on top of a situation will convince others to give you a chance. Travel or presenting what you want and what you can offer will lead to success. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't expect everyone to agree with you. Sticking to facts and being honest in your assessment of any situation will be necessary if you don't want to be blamed for interference and improper guidance. Make alterations geared toward improving your domestic life. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): An opportunity is apparent. Don't back down or give up when giving your all will lead to greater benefits. Good fortune through contracts, investments and personal decisions is within reach. Offer suggestions to unpredictable individuals, not financial assistance. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Use your head and proceed with caution when dealing with people who can influence your future. Focus on your attributes and how you can get ahead and take better care of your needs. Emotional deception and escapist tendencies will cause a problem. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Emotional matters are likely to pop up. Deal with any such issues concisely before they manifest into something that is difficult to control. Legal and financial matters will turn out in your favor. Protect your health and peace of mind. ✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★ 10/14

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Ortiz, Red Sox sting Tigers, tie ALCS

BOSTON (AP)—David Ortiz's line drive sailed just beyond Torii Hunter's reach and into the Boston bullpen, sending the Tigers right fielder flopping headfirst over the wall after it.

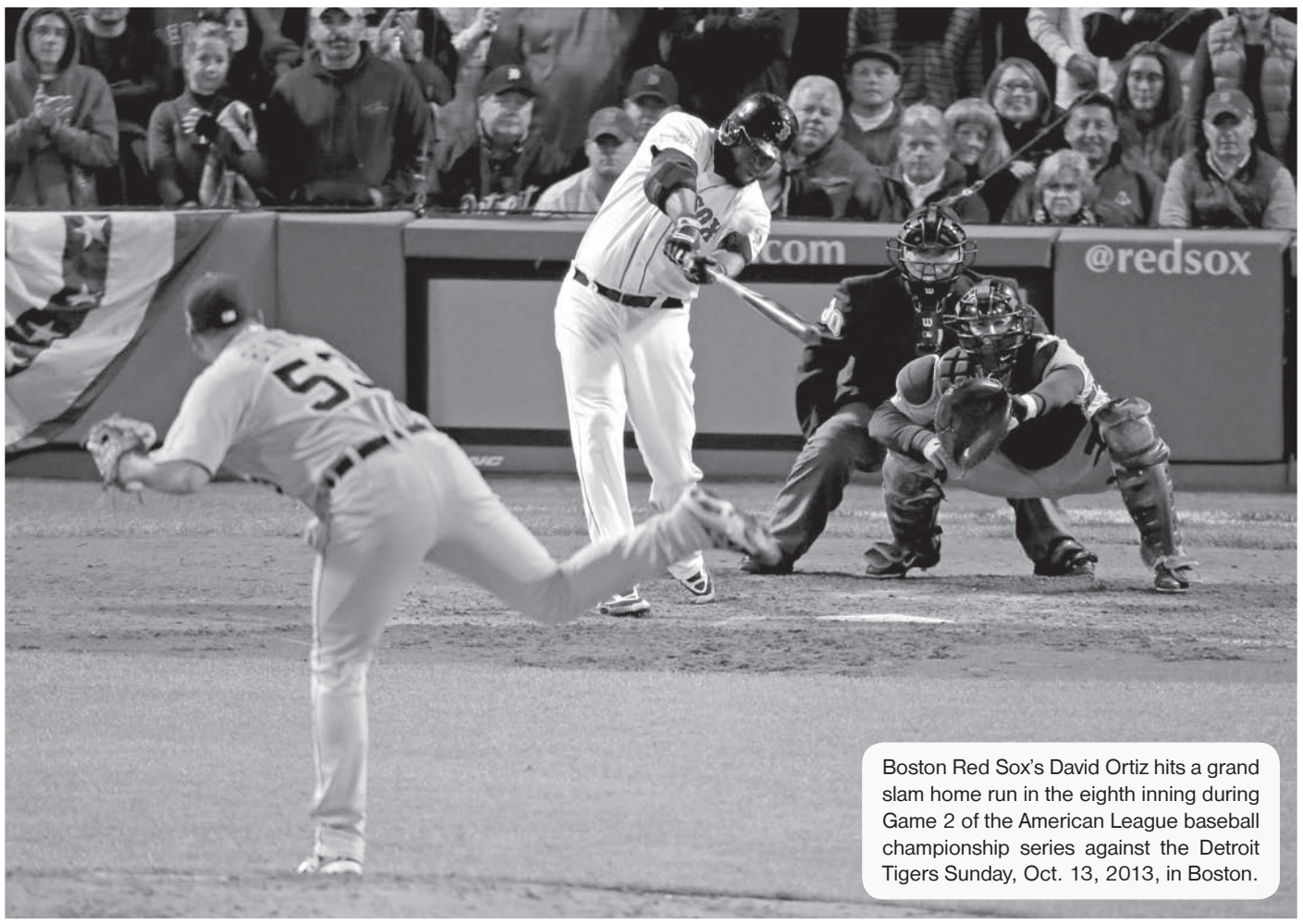
With one swing, the Red Sox slugger turned everything upside-down.

Ortiz's grand slam erased an eighth-inning deficit and ended Detroit's unprecedented run of pitching dominance, and Jonny Gomes scampered around the bases with the game-winning run in the ninth Sunday night to give Boston a 6-5 victory over Detroit and knot the AL championship series at one game apiece.

"That's what he does. He's an amazing hitter," said Max Scherzer, who took a no-hitter and a 5-0 lead into the sixth inning but could only watch as the Detroit relievers blew it. "He's an amazing postseason hitter. He's clutch. Any given moment, a swing of the bat he can always take you deep."

One night after Anibal Sanchez and four relievers came within two outs of the first combined postseason no-hitter in baseball history, Scherzer struck out 13 and held Boston hitless for 5 2-3 innings. But the Red Sox loaded the bases against three relievers in the eighth and then closer Joaquin Benoit came in to face Ortiz.

The Red Sox designated hitter lined the first pitch into the glove of the Red Sox bullpen catcher. Hunter went down hard and came out only after his teammates had waved for the Detroit medical staff to come out and help him.



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz hits a grand slam home run in the eighth inning during Game 2 of the American League baseball championship series against the Detroit Tigers Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013, in Boston.

"I jumped up. I thought I had a beat on it," said Hunter, who came up in the Minnesota Twins organization with Ortiz and remains friends with the Red Sox slugger. "Next thing, I know I'm falling over the fence."

The fans waited until the trainers verified that Hunter was OK to start chanting, "Papi!" and call Ortiz out of the dugout for a curtain call. It was the first career postseason grand slam for a star of the 2004 playoff run that ended in Boston's first World Series title in 86 years.

"The guy's an actor at work," Red Sox outfielder Shane Victorino said. "It's fun to watch. It's great to see. He's always upbeat and always positive. He always likes to go up and swing the bat. That's what he always wants to do."

Koji Uehara pitched a perfect ninth for the win.

Rick Porcello gave up a leadoff infield single that left Gomes at second when shortstop Jose Iglesias threw the ball into the Boston dugout. Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a foul popup that glanced off first baseman Prince Fielder's glove when he got tangled up with a fan.

Gomes moved to third on a wild pitch, and then Saltalamacchia hit one through the drawn-in infield to drive in the game-winner.

"It's playoff baseball," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "Looked like we had one in hand and we let one get away, there's no question about that. But there have been two great games."

Boston's comeback came a few hours after Tom Brady threw a touchdown pass with 5 seconds left to complete the New England Patriots' comeback over the New Orleans Saints. The score was greeted with cheers by Red Sox fans waiting for the baseball game to start.

Game 3 of the ALCS is in Detroit 3 on Tuesday, when Justin Verlander will face Boston's John Lackey.

"We need it, man. We need start some momentum going on," Ortiz said. "The whole regular season, you haven't seen a team shutting us down for 14, 15 straight innings like they have the past couple of days. If you look at the way they've been pitching, (it's) unbelievable. It's up to us make an adjustment."

Miguel Cabrera and Alex Avila homered off Clay Buchholz as Detroit scored four in the sixth inning to open a 5-0 lead. The Red Sox got one in the bottom half but were four outs from falling behind 0-2 in the series when Ortiz tied it.

Scherzer, who led the majors with 21 wins, did not allow a hit until Victorino singled to left with two outs in the sixth.

It was an unprecedented third consecutive playoff game in which a Tigers starter took a no-hit bid into the sixth inning. That had never been done even twice in a row before this year's Detroit staff, which boasts the AL ERA leader, the major league leader in wins and the 2011 AL Cy Young winner and MVP.

"Scherzer was terrific. He was spent," Leyland said. "Last night our bullpen was flawless, and tonight it just wasn't quite as good."

In his first career ALCS start, Buchholz allowed five runs on eight hits in 5 2-3 innings while striking out six.

One night after Jon Lester absorbed a 1-0 loss, Buchholz kept the Red Sox in the game despite allowing three straight hits in the second and spotting Detroit to a 1-0 lead.

But Cabrera hit a solo shot off the light tower above the Green Monster in the sixth, then Fielder lined a double off the left-field wall. Victor Martinez followed with an RBI double to right-center and Avila hit a two-run shot over the Tigers bullpen to make it 5-0.

Scherzer continued to coast, striking out at least one batter in every inning. The favorite for the AL Cy Young Award after going 21-3 with a 2.90 ERA in the regular season, Scherzer allowed one run on two hits and two walks before leaving after seven innings with a 5-1 lead.

Ramirez's status uncertain for Dodgers in NLCS

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Dodgers' offense is struggling, and they might have to face St. Louis ace Adam Wainwright without their top hitter in Game 3 of the NL championship series.

Shortstop Hanley Ramirez had a CT scan on his painful left ribs Sunday, and the results weren't available by mid-afternoon. He got hit by a pitch from Joe Kelly in the opener but stayed in to play all 13 innings of a 3-2 loss Friday.

Ramirez was a late scratch for Game 2, a 1-0 defeat that left Los Angeles trailing the Cardinals 2-0 in the best-of-seven series.

He rested Sunday, along with the rest of the team, which didn't hit on the field.

"We're just working on that, taking the pain away so I can go," Ramirez said. "Even if it's cracked or something, I'm going to be able to get out there if we can take the pain away. It feels the same, but that doesn't stop me from trying to remain positive for tomorrow."

Ramirez had a .638 slugging percentage during the regular season, and the Dodgers desperately need an offensive boost to get back into the best-of-seven series. They batted .184 in the first two games on the road, including 1 for 16 (.063) with runners in scoring position.

"We've talked about it. It always comes back to, can you get that key out and can you get the key hit?" manager Don Mattingly said. "It doesn't get any easier for us with Wainwright. He seems like he's always coming up big."

Dodgers outfielder Andre Ethier didn't start Saturday, but he appeared as a pinch-hitter and ended the game with a strikeout. He's been bothered by shin splints, although he made his first start since Sept. 13 in the series opener.

"It's definitely a thing where we need all the hands we can to find a way to get back in the series," Ethier said.

Wainwright predicted both Ramirez and Ethier would play.

"He looks the best I've seen him in a long time," Wainwright said of Ramirez. "His swing looks great. His approach is awesome. As everyone knows, he's got power to all fields, so he's a very dangerous hitter and a very tough bat added to that lineup."

Dodgers rookie Yasiel Puig has yet to make an impact in the series. Hitting cleanup in place of Ramirez, Puig struck out four times Saturday, dropping to 0 for 10 with six strikeouts in the series.

"He is a positive kid and he told me, `I'm going to get it tomorrow,'" Ramirez said. "Tomorrow he's going to come and get ready to play and he's going to do some damage."

The lack of offense and injuries to key players recalls the early season version of the Dodgers, when they were mired in the NL West cellar and were 12 games under .500. Then Puig arrived in early June and sparked their revival.

The Dodgers couldn't capitalize on stellar outings by Zack Greinke and Clayton Kershaw on the road and now must rely on rookie Hyun-Jin Ryu, who stumbled against Atlanta in his playoff debut in the division series. He allowed four runs and six hits in three innings, and made two major mistakes in the field.

"I feel really strong," Ryu said through a Korean translator. "There is no reason my arm isn't in good, top shape right now."

Wainwright last pitched against Los Angeles in the postseason in the 2009 NL division series, allowing one earned run in eight innings of a no-decision. He left leading 2-1 before the Dodgers scored twice in the bottom of the ninth to win.

"Thinking back, I know it's going to be rocking tomorrow," Wainwright said. "I don't know how many people are here, but it's a lot of fans, bigger than most stadiums and very loud. I love that though. The louder the better. That plays right into my hands."

The Cardinals went through a full workout on a sunny and cool day at Dodger Stadium.

Manager Mike Matheny said his team's mentality has stayed the same throughout the season.

"We've had some brutal losses and the guys came back the next day like it never happened. We've had some exciting wins and we've come back the next day with a lot of hunger," he said. "That's what we continue to preach. That consistency is really in my mind what separates the good players from the very good players and the good teams from the very good teams."

The Dodgers have been down before in best-of-seven postseason series and come back. Three times they've trailed 2-0 in the World Series, most recently against the New York Yankees in 1981, and rallied to win titles each time.

"This team has been counted out a lot of times this year," Ethier said. "We figured out a way to get it done. We definitely have it in ourselves. We've proved that."

Meanwhile, Lance Lynn will start Game 4 of the NL championship series for the Cardinals, perhaps strengthening his case when he earned the win in Game 1.

Rookie 15-game winner Shelby Miller had also been under consideration. Miller warmed up early in Game 1 and manager Mike Matheny said Saturday he'd be available in the bullpen in Game 2.

Lynn worked the last two innings of the Cardinals' 3-2, 13-inning victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers. He took the loss in Game 2 of the NL division series against the Pittsburgh and has failed pitch five innings in any of his three career postseason starts the last two seasons.

Pats stun Saints on TD with five seconds left

FOXBOROUGH, Massachusetts (AP) — Tom Brady's 17-yard touchdown pass to Kenbrell Thompkins with 5 seconds left gave the New England Patriots a wild 30-27 win and knocked the New Orleans Saints from the ranks of the unbeaten Sunday.

It capped a 70-yard drive in which the Patriots marched downfield with no timeouts after getting the ball with 1:08 to go.

The Saints (5-1) had taken a 24-23 lead with 3:29 remaining on Drew Brees' 34-yard touchdown pass to Kenny Stills, but couldn't put away New England.

The Patriots (5-1) survived an interception by Keenan Lewis on their first snap after Garrett Hartley's 39-yard field goal made it 27-23.

Packers 19, Ravens 17

In Baltimore, Aaron Rodgers threw a 64-yard touchdown pass to Jordy Nelson, Mason Crosby kicked four field goals as Green Bay held on to beat Baltimore.

Eddie Lacy rushed for 120 yards to fuel the Packers' first road win of the season. Green Bay (3-2) took a 16-3 lead into the fourth quarter and was up 19-10 with 4 minutes left, but the Ravens (3-3) kept coming back.

After Baltimore closed to 19-17 on an 18-yard touchdown pass from Joe Flacco to Dallas Clark with 2:04 remaining, Rodgers clinched the victory with a 52-yard completion to Jermichael Finley on a third-and-3.

Rodgers went 17 for 32 for 315 yards.

Broncos 35, Jaguars 19

In Denver, Peyton Manning threw for two scores and Knowshon Moreno ran for three to lead Denver to a tougher-than-expected victory over winless Jacksonville.

The Broncos (6-0) came in as 27-point favorites, and much of the pregame hype centered on whether they'd cover the spread and when Manning would come out of the game.

Neither happened.

Manning finished 28 for 42 for 295 yards, but lost two fumbles and threw a pick-6 — a 59-yard interception return by Paul Posluszny that pulled the Jaguars (0-6) within 14-12 at halftime.

Chiefs 24, Raiders 7

In Kansas City, Jamaal Charles ran for two touchdowns and the Kansas City defense harassed Oakland quarterback Terrelle Pryor into throwing three second-half interceptions as the Chiefs remained unbeaten.

After winning just twice last season, Kansas City (6-0) continued the second-best start in franchise history. The Chiefs won their first nine games during the 2003 season.

The Chiefs piled up 10 sacks while ending a three-game skid to the Raiders (2-4), and a six-game losing streak against them at Arrowhead Stadium.

Pryor threw for 216 yards and a touchdown, but his interceptions proved costly.

Steelers 19, Jets 6

In East Rutherford, Ben Roethlisberger threw a 55-yard touchdown pass to Emmanuel Sanders and Shaun Suisham kicked four field goals as Pittsburgh won its first game of the season.

The Steelers (1-4) were off to their worst start since 1968, when they lost their first six games during a season in which they finished 2-11-1. Sunday's victory was also the 600th in franchise history, including the postseason, as Pittsburgh became only the fourth team to reach the milestone.

Pittsburgh was coming off a bye-week break and appeared quite a bit sharper than New York (3-3).

Panthers 35, Vikings 10

In Minneapolis, Cam Newton threw three touchdown passes and ran for another score as Carolina romped past Adrian Peterson and Minnesota.

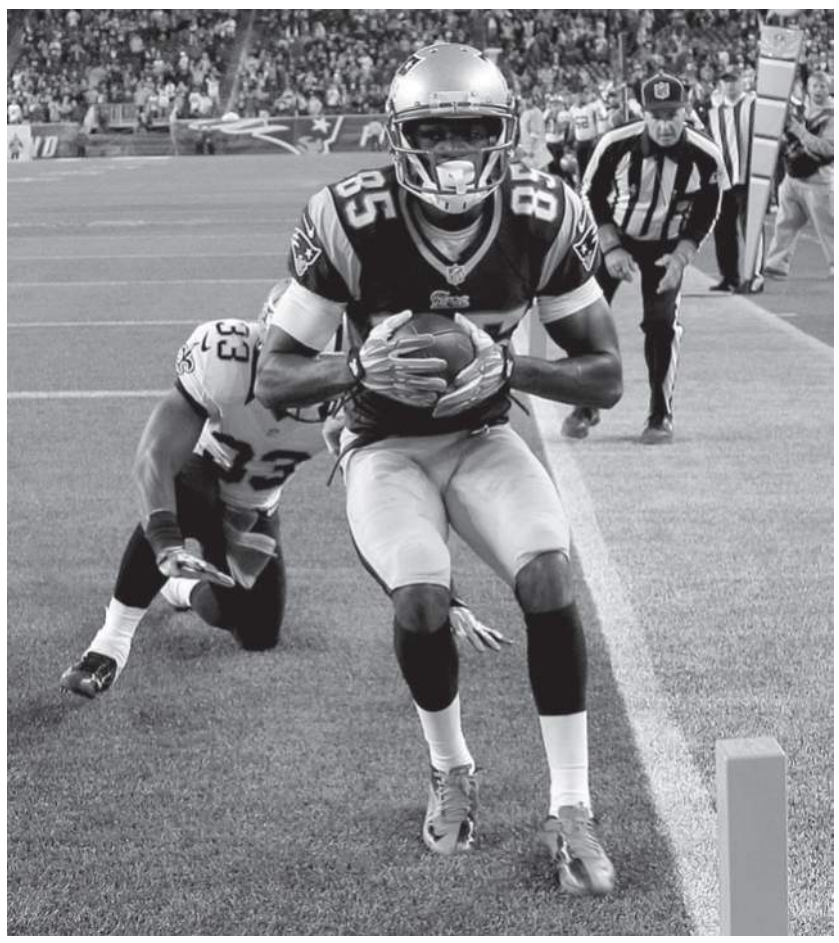
Peterson finished with 62 yards on 10 carries and 21 yards on three receptions, but the Vikings (1-4) trailed the whole game and didn't have much use after halftime for Peterson. The NFL MVP learned Friday that a 2-year-old son of his died in South Dakota of injuries from alleged abuse.

Matt Cassel threw two interceptions, both to Mike Mitchell, and the Panthers (2-3) responded each time with a touchdown.

49ers 32, Cardinals 20

In San Francisco, Vernon Davis caught touchdown passes of 61 and 35 yards and finished with a career-best 180 yards receiving, leading San Francisco to its third straight victory.

Colin Kaepernick threw for 252 yards and Frank Gore ran for 101 yards on 25 carries.



New England Patriots wide receiver Kenbrell Thompkins (85) holds the winning touchdown catch in front of New Orleans Saints cornerback Jabari Greer (33) in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct.13, 2013, in Foxborough, Mass. The Patriots won, 30-27.

Kendall Hunter ran for a 6-yard touchdown that sealed it for the 49ers (4-2) with 6:35 remaining.

Rookie safety Eric Reid made his team-leading third interception and also recovered a fumble to stop an Arizona drive deep in 49ers territory in the third quarter.

Rams 38, Texans 13

In Houston, Sam Bradford threw three touchdown passes and St. Louis added a score on defense and special teams as the Rams stunned mistake-prone Houston.

The Rams (3-3) were up 24-6 early in the third quarter before rookie Daren Bates returned Keshawn Martin's fumble on a kickoff return for a touchdown.

Alec Ogletree pushed the lead to 38-6 when he took an interception by T.J. Yates back 98 yards for a touchdown. Yates was in after Matt Schaub sustained an apparent right ankle injury.

Schaub didn't have a turnover after throwing six interceptions, three of them returned for touchdowns in the past three games.

Seahawks 20, Titans 13

In Seattle, Marshawn Lynch ran for two touchdowns and had 155 all-purpose yards, Richard Sherman came up with his third interception of the season as Seattle finally shook Tennessee in the fourth quarter.

Seattle (5-1) won its 11th straight at home despite a long list of mistakes that allowed the Titans (3-3) to hang around into the fourth. There was a careless turnover, missed defensive assignments and a comical muffed field goal attempt that led to the Titans' only touchdown on the final play of the first half.

Bengals 27, Bills 24 OT

In Orchard Park, Mike Nugent hit a 43-yard field goal with 6:44 left in overtime.

Brandon Tate's 29-yard punt return to the Bills 33 set up the decisive score. Andy Dalton went 26 of 40 for 337 yards, with three touchdowns and an interception. He bounced back after a two-game touchdown drought and led the Bengals (4-2) to their first road win of the season.

The Bills (2-4) were led by quarterback Thad Lewis, starting in place of injured rookie EJ Manuel. Lewis went 19 of 32 for 216 yards and two touchdowns after being promoted off the practice squad last week. Both touchdown passes came in the fourth quarter, including a 40-yarder to Marquise Goodwin with 1:08 remaining.

Lions 31, Browns 17

In Cleveland, Matthew Stafford threw three of his four touchdown passes in the second half, rallying Detroit.

The Lions (4-2) outscored the Browns 24-0 in the second half, sealing their win when Stafford hooked up with tight end Joseph Fauria with 2:01 left. Fauria caught three TD passes for the Lions, who played like a completely different team in the second half after being dominated up front and trailing 17-7 at the half.

The Browns (3-3) had their chances at a comeback end when quarterback Brandon Weeden's baffling shovel pass with 4:36 left was intercepted by linebacker DeAndre Levy.

Eagles 31, Buccaneers 20

In Florida, Nick Foles threw three touchdown passes and ran for a fourth, leading Philadelphia over winless Tampa Bay.

Foles finished a long first-quarter scoring drive with a 4-yard run and threw TD passes of 12 and 36 yards to DeSean Jackson.

With the injured Michael Vick active but not playing, Foles made his seventh career start and beat the Bucs (0-5) for the second time. He was 1-5 as a rookie a year ago, with that victory also coming at Tampa Bay.

Cowboys 31, Redskins 16

In Arlington, Tony Romo enjoyed the view from the bench for the biggest plays in a win for the Dallas Cowboys.

Dwayne Harris returned a punt 86 yards for a touchdown and set up another score with a 90-yard kickoff return, helping the Cowboys hand Robert Griffin III his first loss in his home state with a 31-16 victory against the Washington Redskins on Sunday night.

Romo had just 170 yards passing a week after he threw a costly interception during a 506-yard performance, setting up the winning field goal for Denver in a wild 51-48 loss to the Broncos.

Walker wins on PGA Tour and gets trip to Masters

SAN MARTIN, Calif. (AP)—Jimmy Walker's first PGA Tour trophy came with a special gift tucked inside.

A yellow "Masters 2014" flag.

It was a not-so-subtle reminder that the Frys.com Open is no longer a Fall Series event for players to chase their tour cards at the end of the year, but the start of the PGA Tour's new 2013-14 season that comes with all the perks.

And it was a reminder to Walker that he gets to go places where he always felt he belonged.

In his eighth season and his 188th tournament - and with a little help from 23-year-old Brooks Koepka - Walker won a back-nine duel Sunday by making a 6-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole and closing with three pars for a 5-under 66. That was more than enough for the 34-year-old Texan to win by two shots.

"This was the final stepping stone," said Walker, who has played on more tours than he can remember to get to the big leagues.

It turned out to be a learning experience for Koepka, who had a four-shot lead with 11 holes remaining until he began missing short putts, all of them to the left. It started with a 3-foot par putt that he missed on the ninth hole. The most significant was a 6-foot birdie attempt on the 15th hole that would have matched birdies with Walker in the group ahead and regained a share of the lead.

Koepka bogeyed the next two holes and closed with a 72 to tie for third.

"Things just weren't going my way," Koepka said. "I just didn't make the shots I needed to win. Congrats to Jimmy on that. He played very well. But just try to learn from the whole experience. Any time you can put yourself in that kind of pressure, it's always good. It you take something from it, that's even better."

Walker finished at 17-under 267 and cracked the top 50 in the world ranking for the first time.

Vijay Singh closed with a 68 and wound up with the 27th runner-up finish of his Hall of Fame career, and his best result since he sued the PGA Tour in May over its procedure in investigating Singh's admission that he used deer antler spray.

Koepka tied for third with Kevin Na (64), Puerto Rico winner Scott Brown (64) and Hideki Matsuyama, the 21-year-old Japanese star who has joined the PGA Tour. Matsuyama, who played in the Presidents Cup last week, birdied his last three holes for a 66.

Along with the Masters, Walker also gets to go to Maui in January for the Tournament of Champions, another place he has never been, and he is assured a spot in the PGA Championship for only the fourth time in his career.

"I felt like I was good enough to be in them, play in them," Walker said. "There's always this big pressure to get into Augusta, and I would press here, press there. You want to be playing in the big stuff. That's what I'm aspiring to do - play against the world's best."

It won't be his first trip to Augusta National.

Club member Paul Sarvadi invited Walker and his father about five years ago, one of Walker's favorite memories even in the chill of winter and a light rain. His father, a scratch golfer who once shot 60, birdied three of the par 5s. Walker shot 72 one day, and played the back nine in 35.

"A cool experience," he called it.

Koepka was playing on a sponsor's exemption that he received without asking. Tournament officials identified him as a potential star when he started the year with no status on any tour, and then won three times on the Challenge Tour to earn his European Tour card. He qualified for the British Open the day after his third Challenge Tour win.

Pacquiao versus Bradley 'up next'

BOXING

Timothy Bradley's methodical conquest of Juan Manuel Marquez in Las Vegas Saturday night (Sunday morning in Manila) put him on top of the list of Manny Pacquiao's next opponent.

But the projected return fight will happen only if Pacquiao beats Brandon Rios in their own welterweight bout in Macau on Nov. 24.

"That's really the plan (to pit Pacquiao against the winner of Bradley-Marquez)," a Team Pacquiao insider told the *Inquirer yesterday.*

Bradley beat Pacquiao by a highly disputed split decision on June 9, 2012 and the unbeaten American, who appeared in a wheelchair during the press conference after that fight, said he was raring to prove that he was the rightful victor.

An independent group of experienced judges formed by the World Boxing Organization declared later that Pacquiao was the clear winner over Bradley.

Though he expressed interest in a rematch with Pacquiao, Bradley was pitted against Russian Ruslan Provodnikov, a former sparring partner of Pacquiao, last March 16, surviving a bruising battle and a 12th-round knockdown to win a close unanimous decision.

Pacquiao, meanwhile, got knocked out cold by Marquez with a second to go in the sixth round of their fourth battle last December.

Renowned promoter Bob Arum had offered both Bradley and Marquez a rematch with Pacquiao. Both refused the juicy offers, though.

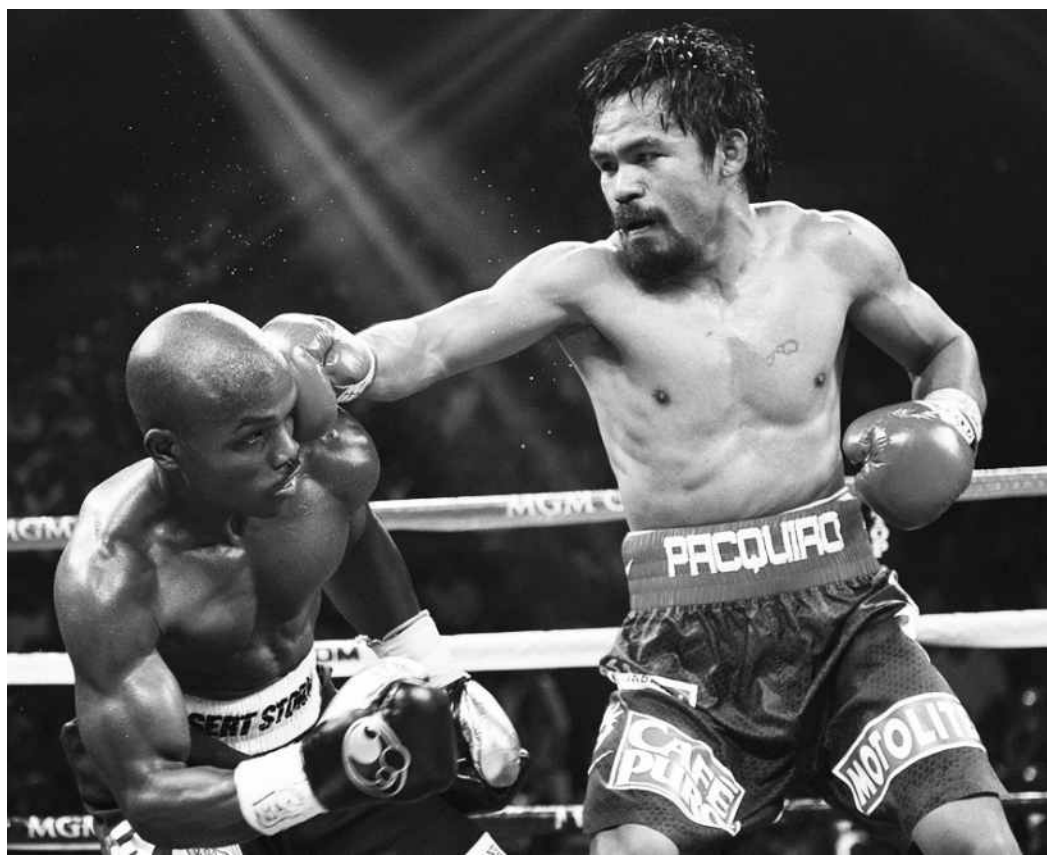
Instead, they chose to slug it out for lower purses. Bradley got $4.1 million instead of $6 million, while Marquez settled for $6 million instead of $13 million.

Emboldened by his split decision over Marquez, Bradley couldn't keep his mouth shut.

"I'll fight anyone, including a bull," he told USA Today yesterday.

Pacquiao, who was unable to watch the fight that dangled Bradley's WBO crown because he was attending a church service in General Santos City, is expected to agree to a Bradley rematch.

Chief trainer Freddie Roach and Filipino trainer Buboy Fernandez watched the telecast of Bradley-Marquez, according to assistant trainer Nonoy Neri, who proceeded to Davao City yesterday following a break in Pacquiao's training. ***(PDI)***



Manny Pacquiao, right, connects with a right to the head of Timothy Bradley in their WBO world welterweight title fight, June 9, 2012, in Las Vegas. AP

7th Chagi Cup Wake Board tourney next week

The 7th Chagi Cup Wake Board Competition hosted by J & K Marine Sports will be held on Oct. 24 at the 13 Fisherman starting at 8am to sundown.

Around 30 competitors from Japan and Saipan, including three professional wake boarders from Japan, are expected in the tournament. Due to the termination of direct flight from Osaka and Nagoya to Saipan, Chagi Cup has been cancelled since 2009, however, an increasing amount of requests from previous competitors to conduct the tournament led organizers to believe that hosting a wake boarding tournament on Saipan again would actually be good for everyone and the economy of the CNMI.

Organizers have already asked a few Japanese tour agencies to support the event by donating some prizes and water.

This tournament has been announced on many web pages since May this year so organizers are expecting many competitors and viewers from Japan. Organizers believe that the revival of this competition will lead to more wake boarders from Japan visiting Saipan and brand Saipan as the closest US wake board Mecca from Japan.

The list of Japanese pro wake boarder joining the event includes Yoshiyuji Hatakeyama and Makoto Fujimoto of Team Osaka Tokopanas and Asami Horino of Team Lake Ymanaka and Hakutaka Marine and 2013 Tokyo Toyosu Champ

The tournament will have both team and individual competitions. ***(PR)***

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A participant in the 6th Annual Chagi Cup puts on a show in the waters off Susupe Beach Park in 2008.

MAMI

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Fuji Marathon. The many-time Saipan long distance runner said since it was her debut in the Apple Marathon, she had to pace herself early, as she was expecting big climbs in the second half of the course.

"I was told that the first half would be very hilly and I took it easy on the first half because of this, but it was not a hilly course at all. By the time I figured this out, there was not enough distance to catch up my time in the second half. I was not in as good a condition as I hope to be in my next marathon (Fuji Marathon) and I misunderstood the course. But having said this, yes , I am okay with my time," she said.

Besides placing second out of more than 200 female runners in the field, Oshima-Berger was walso ranked No. 76 among 1,442 finishers. The No. 1 female finisher clocked in at 3:00:30, while the male top placer submitted 2:53:54.

"It had good views. I knew the weather would be cold and I wanted to take Josh to that area," Mamiko added when asked to compare the course to previous races she had been to.

Her husband, Joshua, joined the event, too, but competed only in the half marathon after participating in a triathlon tournament with Paul Viator in Murakami a week earlier.

After failing to set a new PB in the Apple Marathon, Oshima-Berger is aiming to get that feat on Nov. 24 when she participates in the Fuji Marathon or the former Lake Kawaguchi Marathon.

"I will run the Fuji Marathon this year again. It is the sister event of the Saipan Marathon and I am invited by its organizer and MVA (Marianas Visitors Authority). I will try to break my personal best," the veteran runner said.

Besides the marathon in Japan, the 2010 Micronesian Games 5 and 10K gold medalist will also compete in several local races before the 2013 season ends. She will be joining the PIC Half Marathon on Nov. 10, the Annual Turkey Trot Run later next month, and the SSC Jingle Bell Run and Christmas Island Relay in December. She will also team up with her husband in the 2013 Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle Race set for Dec. 7.

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points to the team's tally. Only Ocampo finished in twin digits for Degree with his 15 points, but 10 of his teammates contributed at least 4 points each.

In the second game, Laguna entered the win column after withstanding Shakir Realty's late third-quarter rally and holding the latter to 2 points in the first seven and a half minutes of the fourth quarter.

Laguna once led by double digits in the third, 50-40, when Ernie Moises led a short 8-0 run to move Shakir within a deuce, 48-50. A 10-foot jumper from Jun Alipio halted the Shakir Realty's uprising and gave Laguna more cushion at the end of that canto.

After threatening Laguna in the closing minutes of the third period, Shakir Realty lost esteem in the fourth, as only Rodney Catalla hit a field goal for the team in the fourth quarter. Laguna, on the other hand played steady offense with Jun Tabora pulling away with fastbreak layups and Alipio consistently making short jumpers. The duo teamed up for 12 points in Laguna's 15-2 scoring in the first seven and a half minutes of the match to hand Shakir Realty its second straight loss

Melvin Villarin then put the finishing touches on Laguna's 30-point victory after canning back-to-back triples in the last two minutes of the match.

Alipio top-scored for Laguna with his 22 points, while Tabora and Villarin added 20 and 11, respectively.

Mike Surima paced Shakir Realty with his 14 markers, while Moises chipped in 12.

First Game

Degree/UPAA 84 – Ocampo 15, Pablo 9, Rabago 9, Drilon 9, Valdez 8, Mejia 8, De la Torre 5, Jinang 5, Echavez 4, Tobias 4, Salazar 4.

PIC 56 – Sublemente 14, Bartolo 12, Ballesteros 7, J. Ricafort 4, Tolentino 4, Hernandez 4, Reyes 2, Baterina 1.

Scoring by quarters: 20-9, 43-15, 56-27, 84-56.

Second Game

Laguna 85 – Alipio 22, Tabora 20, Villarin 11, Buhay 8, Guinto 7, Catalla 5, Geli 4, Lansang 4, Zapata 4, Catacutan 2.

Shakir Realty 55 – Surima 14, Moises 12, Canoy 8, Paraiso 7, Montes 4, Sevilla 3, Bautista 2, Guirey 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-15, 34-31, 52-48, 85-55.

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helped out in promoting the CNMI's junior golf program in the early 2000 and while competing against up-and-comers, the CNMI Hall of Famer was very generous on giving tips to other players, according to Refaluwasch Golfers Association official Tony Rogolifoi.

The former Oleai Elementary School principal was also among the active officials of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, supporting the group's claim to the Oleai Sports Complex for better management and maintenance of its facilities.

Wabol passed away last weekend due to a lingering illness and nightly rosary is being held at his residence in Finasisu. His remains will be escorted from CHC morgue to his residence at 3pm and a rosary will follow at 7:30pm. Then on this Friday, his remains will be brought to Kristo Rai Church for public viewing, which will be held from 8am to 9:30am. Mass of Christian burial is set for 10apm, followed by interment at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

Pre-Hell of Marianas Fundraising Bike Race

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Youth biker Erico Castro hoists his first place certificate in the men's 14 to 25 age group /road bike category of the Pre-HOM Fundraising Bike Race hosted by the CNMI Chapter of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter last Saturday.

Blake Mister heads to the finish line of the 16K race.

Two youth bikers make their turn to complete the first lap of the 16K race.

Bikers chat while waiting for the start of the race.

A volunteer takes photo of a youth biker.

Volunteer Charles Cepeda cheers on a female biker.

Volunteers wait for bikers to register.

JC Ferrer poses for a photo after completing the 8K race.

Volunteers pose for a photo while waiting for the race to finish.

Bikers listen during the course briefing.

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Mami wins in Apple Marathon

Degree and Laguna pound Masters foes

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Degree/UPAA and Laguna/Erika's Catering coasted past separate opponents during the Week 3 games in the 2013 UFO-Budweiser Masters Division Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex.

Degree played in the first game and pounded the winless Pacific Islands Club (0-3), 84-56, while Laguna bounced back from its debut loss with an 85-55 thrashing of Shakir Realty (1-2) in the second match of the weekend.

The head and tail duel between Degree and PIC was decided just right after the first half, as the former built a big a 43-15 halftime lead en route to its third win in as many games. Alex Ocampo and Dindo Pablo connived in the second-quarter breakaway, combining for 15 points. The duo alone more than doubled up PIC's production in the second canto, as the San Antonio-based team logged only 6 points behind the two field goals of Rommel Bartolo and Carlos Ballesteros' basket.

With a commanding lead, Degree had the luxury of rotating its roster in the second half and most of the players capitalized on the quality minutes they got, adding more

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Laguna's Jun Tabora drives against Shakir Realty's Angelo Bautista during the third quarter of their game in the Masters division of the UFO caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Reigning Saipan Ultra Marathon champion Mamiko Oshima-Berger showed her winning ways in the Hirosaki Apple Marathon in Japan last Sunday.

Oshima-Berger finished second overall out of the more than 200 female runners who joined the 42.195-kilometer race in Aomori last weekend. She timed in at 3:15:05, just less than seven minutes behind her personal best time and Saipan Marathon record of 3:09:49, which she posted in 2012 before she moved up to the ultra 50K race this year.

Last weekend's race in the area known for its apples was a first for Oshima-Berger and a warmup for a much bigger competition in Japan next month—the

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Mamiko Oshima-Berger hugs an "apple statue" on her way to the train station in Hirosaki, the venue of the Apple Marathon.

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Players remember Wabol as a great mentor

The late Jess Wabol was considered not only a good player in various sports, but also a great mentor.

"He was a great coach. The MCS Knights took the basketball championship in 1983 and he was our coach," said Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands official Abner Venus, who was among those saddened by the passing of Wabol last Friday morning.

"He will be missed," Venus added.

Jester Garcia, former member of the CNMI National Baseball Team and had a chance to play under Wabol during his Little League years, also had good words for the later coach.

"Mr. Wabol was not only a mentor to me but also a great friend," said the Las Vegas-based Garcia.

Besides basketball and baseball coaching, Wabol also

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The late Jess Wabol is seen here posing with his CNMI Sports Hall of Fame award during the NMASA Banquet held in 2009 at the former Saipan Grand Hotel (now Kanoa Resort).

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